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MAIL SERVICE WILL NOT BE AS BAD AS WAS FIRST FEARED

No. 15 Will Continue To Make This A Regular Stop

The advance notice of poorer mail service for Mount Vernon, printed in last week's issue of this newspaper, proved to be much worse than the actual change which took place at 4 p. m. on Sunday. No. 15, west bound early morning train, will continue to stop here, as it has for years. It's time has been changed from 5:45 to 4:27 a. m.

Three east bound night trains, No. 16 at 1:03 a. m., No. 10 at 2:52 a. m. and No. 16 at 3:47 a. m. will throw off pouches and newspapers, which will give as good or better service from the west than formerly. Only the parcels and miscellaneous mail which cannot be thrown off will be carried to Clinton and return on the local at 8:34.

No. 25, west bound train in the evening arrives seven minutes earlier since the change on Sunday, arriving here at 7:38 on the new schedule.

Wodrichs Left Wednesday For New Home At Cresco

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wodrich and sons Edmund and Fred left Wednesday for Cresco where their new home will be established. Cresco is the home town of Mrs. Wodrich so she is returning to a familiar territory. Their household goods were loaded in a large van on Wednesday morning which made the trip to the new home. Mr. Wodrich will be manager of the Interstate Power Co., at Cresco, the same company he was with at McGregor last winter. Since that time he has been selling life insurance.

This removal takes a family that has been active in the community. Mr. Wodrich came here in 1912 when he became connected with the Wapsie Power & Light Co. Later on he assumed the managership of this company until 1920 when he resigned to become postmaster here. He was twice reappointed to this office, resigning it in October, 1929 to sell life insurance.

He was the first president of the Lions club and served as secretary of that organization for several years. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Country Club for several years as well as a member of the Cedar Rapids Country Club where he was one of their best golfers. In lodge circles he is a past master of the Blue lodge and past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons. Mrs. Wodrich has held office in the local Eastern Star chaper.

The two boys have been active in school work and will be missed from their classes. Both are Eagle Scouts with proficient records and Edmund attended a Scout conclave in England two years ago.

Cornell Wrestlers Will Meet Illinois Saturday

Coach Dick Barker will take his wrestling proteges, successful against Indiana and Nebraska, to the University of Illinois for a meet on Saturday evening. The same men used in the meet against Nebraska except, Anderson who was injured, will go to Illinois. They are: McCarthy 118, Morford 125, Lupton 135, Zavodsky 145, Rodgers 155, Shinn 165, Hunter 175 and Haloupek heavyweight.

Mr. And Mrs. John Wickham Have Been Married 49 Years

Monday, January 12, marked the 49th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Wickham, two highly esteemed residents of Mount Vernon. They received numerous calls of congratulations from their many friends on this anniversary day, aside from this, the day was a very quiet one.

Neals And Wests Attend State Bureau Convention

Burt Neal left Monday morning for Des Moines to attend the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation meeting. Mrs. Neal and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. West drove to Des Moines on Tuesday and all will return home on Saturday.

Many Attend Firemen's Ball

The program and dance given on Tuesday night in the City Hall by the Mount Vernon Fire department was largely attended. The first part of the evening's entertainment was presented by the high school girls glee club and the girls sextet, under the direction of Miss Martha Clemans, music director in the public schools. It was an excellent feature and enjoyed by every one hearing it. Later the crowd enjoyed several hours of dancing to music furnished by Polly and His Parrots.

Prof. Mark E. Hutchinson, head of the Latin department, has received official word of his appointment to teach several courses of Latin in the first session of the State University of Iowa Summer Session next summer.

Shippers Will Meet Week from Saturday

Annual Meeting Will Be Held In Mount Vernon City Hall

The annual meeting of the Mount Vernon Live Stock Shipping Association will be held in the Mount Vernon City Hall on a week from Saturday evening, January 24, at eight o'clock, according to Robt. Beckman, president of the organization. The annual report of Manager John Dew will be given at that time. The date was set at a meeting of the Board of Directors on January 7th. Every livestock shipper in this vicinity is invited to attend.

Mrs. Landmesser Speaks Before Lions Club Here

The Mount Vernon Lions club entertained Mrs. Lillian Landmesser, Linn County overseer of the poor, and Miss Bernice Melsa, her assistant, as special guests at the regular meeting Tuesday noon of this week at the Jordan House.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Landmesser was called on by Fred Young to give the members of the club what information she felt could be told concerning the needy people in the town of Mount Vernon, and what the county department had been doing for them.

Mrs. Landmesser explained her work to the club and gave the members some idea of how relief is dispensed and what it amounts to in a year's time. She told how the county funds are used to provide food, heat, and in some cases shelter. One of the greatest pieces of work being done for the poor was that of giving medical assistance where necessary. An interesting remark was that it costs the county several times as much for a tonsil operation at the State hospital in Iowa City than at the Cedar Rapids hospital.

After Mrs. Landmesser finished her talk several of those present asked about some specific cases in and about Mount Vernon, which she was free to offer information and make suggestions.

Other guests of the club at the luncheon were Mrs. R. P. Ink, Mrs. Elizabeth White Parks, Dr. J. B. Bryant and W. D. Moore.

SCOUTS PRESENT PLAY

Will Give "Mac Decides" And Demonstration Sunday Eve

The local Boy Scouts of Troop No. 40, will present a program featuring a Boy Scout leadership play "Mac Decides" and demonstration of Scout activities, at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The cast for the play, which has been coached by the Rev. Rolland D. Snuffer, is as follows:

Charlie Randall..Austin Armstrong
Jack Rhodes. .....Warren Scobey
Bud Wilbur.... Judson Perkins Jr.
Bert Howell.....Franklin Littell
Joe Stevens.....Fred Travis Jr.
Mac..... .....Robert Baker
Fred Hall.....Merwyn Armstrong
Henry Lovell....Richard Busenbark

A demonstration of first aid, signalling, knot tying, woodcraft, and nature study will be given by the entire troop. Exhibits of work by these Scouts will be shown in local store windows this week.

The Mount Vernon Lions club is sponsor for the troop which at present is raising funds for the building of a Scout cabin from the old tourist shelter. Joe Griffin is leader of the group.

"M" Club Reorganizes And Elects Gaylord Neal Pres.

The "M" club of Mount Vernon high school has been reorganized. All the boys who have received letters in athletics met and elected the following officers: Gaylord Neal, president; Lester Coleman, vice president; Bob Klimo, secretary; Randall Hart, treasurer.

The club is planning a series of parties and pow-wows for the coming semester. The first get-together will be at the home of Cyrus Burgstahler.

W. H. Hoover Wins Prize

W. H. Hoover, local jeweler, was awarded a very handsome electric clock this week in a radio contest sponsored by the Des Moines branch of the H. E. Sidles Company of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Prizes were given to those tuning in on the greatest number of stations from December first to the fifteenth and Mr. Hoover received fourth place, having tuned in on 153 stations. He reached stations in California, Oregon, Mexico and Cuba. The requirements were necessary that they remain tuned in long enough to hear one number on each program and the call letters. The one receiving the greatest number of stations was successful in reaching 185 stations. Mr. Hoover feels confident, that had he taken the contest more seriously he could have exceeded this number.

Linn Bureau To Meet

The Linn Township Farm Bureau will meet at the home of J. B. Strother for an all day meeting on Wednesday, January 21. Please bring sandwiches and covered dish, also silverware and dishes. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Neal have charge of the program.

STATE EXPECTS TO MAKE SURVEY OF PALISADES PARK

Highway Commission Men Seek Office Room Here

A. T. Sindt of Davenport, State Highway Commission engineer from the Cedar Rapids district office, was in Mount Vernon Tuesday arranging for office quarters for the next two or three months while he will work on a survey of the Palisades State Park. Mr. Sindt has just finished a survey for a relocation of the Wapsie bridge on the Lincoln Highway near Calamus. A survey will be made of the boundaries of the State Park, and later a typographical map made of the park. The men will work on the survey until construction work opens up in the spring Mr. Sindt states that it will probably require several winters to complete the survey.

Leave On Friday Noon For Trip To Northfield, Minn.

Coach Jud Dean and eight men will leave here Friday noon for their first conference game, that with Carleton on Saturday evening. He plans to use the same lineup that was so successful last week end in besting Coe and Carroll colleges: O'Connor and Grant, guards, Warner center and Brandau and Gabrielson forwards. Carleton is very strong and a close game is expected.

Hamline was to have been played on this trip but they cancelled the game as they have recently withdrawn from the Midwest conference.

MT. VERNON CHURCH NOTES

First Methodist Episcopal Church
H. C. Culver, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:45.

Morning worship at 10:45. Sermon, "As Little Children".

Epworth Leagues at 6:30.

Union service at the Presbyterian church at 7:30.

First Presbyterian Church
Rolland D. Snuffer, Pastor

This Sabbath morning Mr. Snuffer will speak on the sermon subject, "Equilibrium", the second in his Christian Education series. At 7:30 the Boy Scouts will have charge of the service.

9:45 Sunday School.

10:45 Morning Worship.

4:30 Junior Christian Endeavor. Alberta Sturdy, leader.

6:30 Senior Christian Endeavor. Lydabelle Goodyear, leader.

PLAY IS TREAT

"West of Broadway" Will Be Given Again This Evening

The Woman's Relief Corps home talent play, "West of Broadway", given at the high school auditorium last night and tonight, is a real treat for Mount Vernon.

Robert Milholin, as John Buskin, manager of the repertorie company, handled his actors in true stage form. Madam DeLoze, the Lillian Russell of today is well characterized by Mrs. Roxie Sturdy.

A tip to the newly weds — they are great! Played by Robert Kyle and Winifred Gowan.

Jeanne Jame, splendidly played by Mrs. Myrtle Johnston, so weary of stage life, and ready to give it up for a convenient marriage, is goaded on by Robert, played by Dr. E. C. Prall.

And now a peep into the famous Junction House, Maw and Josh Hawkins run it, played by Rubye Beach and Roy Mills. Folks if you ever saw real hotel proprietors, they were it.

Mr. Twyman, the station agent, Hillis Culver, and his niece, Ruth Johnston, did some splendid acting.

Henry Wood, the grocery boy, was played by Richard Busenbark. Even Elizabeth Bryant thought Henry O. K.

One got a real thrill watching Cousin Sally, Rubye Caraway, tell Mayor Watkins, Ed Smith, what was what.

"West of Broadway" proved to be one of the best home talent productions ever presented in Mount Vernon and was attended by fair sized crowds each night.

Visit Cedar Rapids Lodge

A number of members from Star of Bethlehem Lodge No., Knights of Pythias, accepted the invitation extended by Star of the West Lodge No. 1 at Cedar Rapids on Tuesday night. Three local men, Arthur Current, Joe Fisher and R. J. Kidder were given the rank of page at this meeting with a large class of candidates, from surrounding towns. Others from Mount Vernon attending were: A. J. Bobst, W. J. Brosh, Harold Burge, Laurence Current, Freeman Current, Frank Runkle, Carl Travis, Lloyd Kent, Sanford Tallman and George Wilson.

Ladies of St. John church, Lisbon, will hold a euchre and bridge party Tuesday evening in the church parlors. Come and play for prizes.

January Thaw



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Soils Specialist Will Speak Here

Wm. Watkins To Address Bureau Meeting On January 21

Every farmer in this vicinity should be interested in the joint meeting of Bertram, Franklin and Linn Township Farm Bureaus to be held in the Mount Vernon City Hall at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, January 21, at which Wm. Watkins, soils specialist of Ames, will speak. Mr. Watkins will give facts, figures, and helpful information concerning soil problems. Anyone interested may bring dry samples of soil to the meeting to be tested for acidity.

Work Up Your Lazy Fields

What causes soil acidity? Why clover seedings fail. Benefits from the use of lime stone. Importance of humus in our soils. How, when and where to apply limestone for best results. How much plant food taken from soil by various crops. Should farmers use commercial fertilizer? What kind and on what crops? How can we test soils for fertility? The above mentioned points and many others will be explained by Mr. Watkins. Perhaps you have a particular soil problem on your farm. Here is your chance to get the desired information.

Linn county has a wide variation of soil types. All types cannot be farmed the same with equal results. Don't fail to attend one of these meetings. Bring your neighbor and friends. Everyone is welcome.

Dr. Burgstahler To Attend Meeting at Indianapolis

Dr. H. J. Burgstahler will leave for Indianapolis Saturday evening to attend the meeting of a number of educational committees from all over the country during the ensuing week, returning to Mount Vernon January 24.

Will Give Religious Play

The young people of the Presbyterian church, under the direction of Rev. R. D. Snuffer, their pastor, are working on a religious play, "The Gift", which they plan to present in the church on Sunday evening of February 1.

REFUTE STORY OF MYRLE SIZER CASE

WAS INVESTIGATED TWO YEARS AGO AND FOUND A FRAUD

The Mryle Sizer case was unnecessarily revived by the daily press last week. The story told, by Wallace A. Andrews who finished a sentence at the Oklahoma state penitentiary at McAlester, was one printed in this paper nearly three years ago and entirely disproved by investigation at that time. It was a wild tale of how she shot herself and he had buried her some place in the vicinity of Wayne, Nebraska. He admitted Monday that it was faked when taken to Wayne to show where she was buried.

Harry Sizer and Dr. J. R. Gardner, vigilante, went to Kansas City to identify a waiter there thought to be Miss Sizer at that time, but found it was the wife of this same Andrews who said then that the story was false and the only reason she could imagine for Andrews giving it was his hope in getting out of jail in Oklahoma. This girl had been seen in Wayne when Andrews was in jail there. The sheriff's wife at Wayne county called local authorities by telephone, and when assured that she would receive a reward if the identification was successful, directed them to Kansas City where Mr. Sizer and Dr. Gardner found Andrews wife.

It is the opinion of county men and state agents who worked on this case that Miss Sizer is dead. It is not considered altogether improbable that at some future time the details of her death will be known. Until such time it is better to let this tragedy be forgotten.

Eggland Laying Mash

will produce winter eggs in abundance. Price $3.00 per hundred. We are getting over 400 eggs a day from this feed.

Eggland Farms, Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Encampment No. 74, I. O. O. F., will meet Friday evening, January 16, for installation of officers.

Sailor Describes European Churches

Gives Interesting Talk To Rotary Club Tuesday

George D. Sailor told of visits to eleven of the famous churches and cathedrals of Europe in a very interesting and instructive talk to the Rotary club on Tuesday evening at The Grill. Mr. Sailor had seen them 12 years ago when a member of the American army and three years ago when he and Mrs. Sailor attended the American Legion convention in Paris.

Notre Dame, built in the 12th century on the former sight of a pagan temple, is one of the most famous cathedrals in the world. It has a stone roof supported by colums of stone blocks 12 feet square and two feet thick. Its gargolyes are well known. In Notre Dame Henry IV was crowned as was Napoleon as emperor in 1804. Chambers and shrines are set aside for Joan of Arc and for World War veterans. The windows, of exquisite stained glass, were damaged by bombs in the late war.

St. Sulpice church in Paris is the richest. It has a beautiful madonna. This church was noted for its work during the war. Napoleon's Tomb, in Paris, of matchless marble, is marvelous beyond words. Here Foch is also buried. Mr. Sailor was especially interested in this as he was entertained in General Foch's home while in France. The French people love Napoleon. He cut a fine harbor in rock at Cherburg making France a maritime nation, laid out the wonderful boulevard system of Paris and wrote the code Napoleon.

St. Castor's Is Oldest

St. Castors in Germany is the oldest of the churches visited. The Greek Catholic church at Wesibaden, Germany, is a church of peace as in it is represented the things that Jesus did for the people rather than what the people did to Jesus. Arensburg, in Germany, built in 836 is the most elaborate in appointments. In it were preached the crusades. Mr. Sailor attended mass in it. Around it is an elaborate system of drives with many of the incidents of Jesus's life depicted in the fashion of grottoes in this country. The chapel of the Royal Palace at Coblenz, where the Kaiser attended church, was mentioned as the war church. Mr. Sailor here attended a Masonic Easter service while in the army of occupation in Germany. It was a Lutheran church but was Episcopalian at that time. The German orchestra played the Star Spangled Banner at the service.

The famous cathedral at Cologne is of the purest Gothic, which was brought back by the Crusaders and held in contempt until later develop. It had a bell weighing 27 tons and 300 pounds in the belfry that was replaced by a somewhat lighter bell. It required 28 men to ring the large bell. There is a wonderful pipe organ there. In the choir loft are 200 chairs, all hand carved, no two alike, each one representing a different verse in the bible. Within it is a separate small church, which had been consecrated before the larger church was built and could not be torn down. There are numerous statues of deceased cardinals, several in recumbent position, as they had offended and were sentenced forever to hold their hats in such a position.

Going to London, St. Paul's cathedral was visited. This is one of the largest and is remembered as an intellectual center. It was built in the 17th century. Here is buried Nelson, famous admiral. It was communion Sunday with a large attendance when Mr. Sailor

ANNA ZACHE WINS STATE PRIZE IN OREGON TRAIL STORY CONTEST

Anna Zache's story, "An Incident in the Opening of the West", has been selected as one of the 56 State prize winners in the National Oregon Trail Story contest. As a result of this selection, her story will be in competition for the national honor and national medal.

In announcing the winners for the various states, the editors of The Magazine World comment as follows: "The Covered Wagon Centennial, authorized by proclamation of President Hoover last February, has come to a close. And with it has closed, with tremendous success, the first contest of the National High School awards for 1930-31. * * * The National Prize-winner, chosen by Hon. William John Cooper, U. S. Commissioner of Education, is to be announced at the National Pioneer Dinner that closes the celebration, in New York City, * * * upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ezra Meeker.

Will Receive Medal

"Each of the State prizewinners in this contest will receive a beautiful bronze medal, especially designed by Laura Gardin Fraser, the same sculptor who designed the Oregon Trail Memorial half-dollar, for the United States Government. Under the terms of the contest, a medal was offered to one boy and one girl in each state, who in the opinion of the judges submitted the best essays. The school from which each winner comes will also receive the same medal mounted on an appropriate plaque, suitable for permanent preservation by the school."

Miss Geraldine Hughes was responsible for bringing the contest to the attention of the local students and to her belongs part of the credit. This is the third time in the past two years that her students have been honored by the editorial board of The Magazine World, a literary magazine used in high school English classes thruout the United States. Last year James Klimo won the state prize in an informal essay contest, while early this year Miss Hughes was asked to have her students write the reviews and edit the book review page of the magazine for March, 1931.

Anna is a senior in high school and her honors in this contest merely add to her string of varied activities. The story is on page 4.

Honor Mrs. Light On Her 81st Birthday

Light Reunion Is Organized With George Light As President

Mrs. Rosa Light was hostess to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, on Sunday, January 11, when they came home to remind her of her eighty-first birthday.

A bountiful birthday dinner was served from the well filled baskets of children and grandchildren, under the supervision of her oldest grand child, Roy Light and family.

Although Mrs. Light is eighty-one years old, she enjoys good health, and participates in many of the activities of one many years her junior. When asked her recipe for good health and good spirits, she replied, "I work hard, I live very plain, and sleep the allotted time". Mrs. Light has a keen, sympathetic interest, in her children and friends, and her hopes for a happy future are based on their ability and willingness to serve both God and humanity, using the talent she believes to be the divine gift to each.

During the late afternoon, she sang two of her favorite hymns, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and another in German, playing her own accompaniment on a beautiful old melodeon that was a gift to her from her father.

Organize Light Reunion

Mrs. Light's eighty-first birthday marks the beginning of the Light reunion, which has become a permanent organization, with the following officers for the ensuing year: Geo. W. Light of Lisbon, president; Jenny L. Kirkpatrick of Coggon, vice president; and Eri M. Light of Davenport, secretary.

The guests of this happy birthday party were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Light, Willard, Homer, and Theodore, Mr and Mrs. Roy Light and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Light and family, Mr. and Mrs. Heston Phelps and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallick, all of Lisbon.

The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkpatrick and daughter Irene of Coggon; Mr. and Mrs Floyd Henderson and family of Ryan; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirkpatrick and family of Iowa City; and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Light and son Clayton of Davenport. Everett and Raymond Light were the only absent members of the group, these two having sent their good wishes with their parents.

The day proved to be a very pleasant one, and the group adopted as their slogan, the Smile Song.

Married

Lacock-Simpson

A marriage which came as a surprise to many friends occurred on Wednesday evening, January 14, when Miss Laura Lacock became the bride of W. L. Simpson at a quiet wedding solemnized at eight o'clock in the home of the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Lacock. Rev. Hughes, pastor of the Linn Grove church, read the marriage service before a small group of friends.

Mrs. Simpson wore a dress of dark brown crepe and the groom was attired in a brown suit. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Lacock.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have resided in the Linn Grove neighborhood for a number of years where they have been prominent in community affairs. Recently the bride has lived with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Strother, in Mitchell, South Dakota, from which place she returned Sunday night.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple went to the home of the groom where they are at home to their many friends.

Guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Abner Lacock and Mrs. Bunting of Martelle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lacock, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lacock and Miss Mildred Simpson.

Friends Husk Corn For Kenneth Kirkpatrick

Kenneth Kirkpatrick, who is recovering from his recent attack of pneumonia, was pleasantly surprised last Thursday when his neighbors and three business men from Martelle husked the corn he had remaining in his field. He appreciates this kind act very much, attended this famous place of worship.

Visit Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey is the great memorial, where are buried many famous statesmen, authors, scientists and the royalty. It was once a Catholic church. In the center is the tomb of the unknown soldier, representative of the multitudes who during the war gave all that man can give, life itself. The last church visited was Holy Trinity Church, known because there was Shakespeare baptized and there was he buried.

"These churches are more than places of worship, more than places of pleasure. They are a part of the history of the people They are places for the study of the affairs and progress of the nation. Follow them and you will learn the course of history. Study them and you will know the class of men who erected them," said the speaker in his closing remarks.

Rev. James Ballz of Mount Vernon and Mr. L. J. Coombs of Red Oak were guests at the meeting.

CREAMERY REPORT SHOWS PRODUCTION OF 445,651 POUNDS

Annual Meeting Was Held On Wednesday Afternoon

The Lisbon Co-Operative Creamery Co. held its annual meeting at the Dutch Inn on Wednesday afternoon, the members hearing the annual report of President G. K. Frink and electing officers.

The report for 1930 shows 445,651 pounds of butter sold as compared to 453,000 for 1929. That is a very good record for this year considering the drougth and general conditions. 335,571 pounds were shipped east, 63,171 pounds sold to local stores, and 26,905 to patrons. This last item indicates a fine gain from 19,000 pounds in 1929. Total butterfat received was 367,472 pounds. Butter milk sold netted $1,396.19. The total income for the year was $164,427.89.

The officers were all reelected, namely G. K. Frink, president; Milo Lehr, vice president, and M. M. Franks, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is composed of Frank Mallie, Sailor Phelps, Milo Lehr, William Reimer, Ira Mohn, M. M. Franks, G. K. Frink, Otto Fisher and George Light.

Franklin Township Bureau Meets At Geo. Light Home

Lee A. Stinger, the new president for the Franklin Township Farm Bureau, presided at the first meeting of the year, held last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Light. The meeting was preceded by a picnic dinner served at 12:30 o'clock, to about fifty members.

The business meeting was opened with the minutes of the previous meeting being read by the newly elected secretary, Herbert Hogle, and Mrs. A. W. Ink, vice chairman gave a very interesting report on the project work for 1931. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of George Michel, John Mitchell, Darrell Gilmore and Frank Norris, accompanied on the piano by County Agent George Dillon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neal presented a one act play, "A Safe Taxi Driver", which afforded a great amount of humor. Mrs. William Gormly read a poem. During the business session Lee Stinger was elected to represent Franklin township at the state convention held in Des Moines this week. C. W. West was elected as the alternate delegate.

The next meeting will be held at the Frank Blinks home Thursday, February 5. It will be an all day meeting with a picnic dinner at noon.

OBSERVES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Siver Entertain For James Siver Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Siver entertained on Saturday, January 10, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Siver Jr. of Mount Vernon and James Siver, whose 90th birthday was being observed A song over the radio from the station at Muscatine was dedicated to Mr. Siver on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Siver was a former resident of New York and came out to Iowa with his wife and children a number of years ago. After a wedded life of more than 60 years, his wife passed away in 1927. Of eight children born to them seven are still living. Mr. Siver has more than forty grandchildren and thirty some great grandchildren. Mr. Siver enjoys good health and can easily walk from the home of his son Frank on west Main street to the home of his son Robert on north Washington street. He has been a painter until a few years ago when he did not think it safe for him to climb a ladder. He is very erect in walking and could easily be mistaken for a man of 75.

CHANDLER WILL SPEAK

Dr. S. L. Chandler, of Cornell College, will give an address, at the Methodist church, Lisbon, next Sunday evening, January 18, at 7:30 o'clock. The churches will unite, and the meeting will be under the auspices of the Lisbon W. C. T. U., in celebration of the anniversary of the passage of the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Dr. Chandler will discuss the situation from the point of view of an expert sociologist, and there should be, and doubtless will be, a large number, who will want to hear the genial Professor on this subject. All are cordially invited.

CHESTER BLOOD INJURED

Chester Blood of south of Mechanicsville, who lived on the Fred Emerson farm a year ago before moving to Mechanicsville, suffered a fractured skull on Monday evening as his car was struck by a Mason City car when he turned on to the Lincoln Highway from a filling station south of the C. and N. W. tracks at Mechanicsville. He was rushed to the hospital in Cedar Rapids by ambulance where he is recovering.