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LARGEST CROWD HERE FOR EXTENSION EVENT

VISITORS COME FROM MILES AROUND TO SEE CAVALRY

Program of Band Music, Boxing, Drills, Maneuvers and Races Holds Attention of Largest Crowd At Extension Day.

The largest crowd which has yet witnessed a Trade Extension Day Program was here yesterday to see the Fort Riley Cavalry demonstration and other features offered free by the extension division of the chamber of commerce.

Cloudiness in the forenoon delayed the visitors to some extent and the crowd was small when the first number on the program, a military band concert, was given at 1 o'clock. With appearance of Old Sol beginning at noon hour, however, the roads were lined with cars for miles around the city and by the time the cavalry drill and races were staged at the fair grounds people estimated at more than 6,000 witnessed the demonstration of cavalry skill.

Music Was Good. The second band concert was given at 1 p. m. and the third at 2:30 and visitors as well as townspeople were more than pleased with the quality of music rendered by the military musicians. Frank Jehlek, local band leader pronounced the band very smooth and good.

Two boxing matches drew large crowds and held interest of the spectators who crowded around the ring. The first feature was a "battle royal" which was added to the program published. In the battle royal four military men were blindfolded, given a cup for one hand and a boxing glove on the other, then blindfolded. Tapping the cup on the platform as they slugged with the other hand much amusement was aroused. The four soldiers in the battle royal were Privates Weiss, Tyree, Seaman and Lowe, Weiss winning first prize when he was the last man standing after several minutes of battling.

Boxing Pleased Crowd. The first bout between 150-pound Ft. Riley boxers was staged by Corporals Grayber and Kaitas, Grayber winning the four-round match. The second bout for 170-pounders, between Curtis Moore, a local boxer and Private Darrst was very good, Moore having the edge on Darrst in the first round, but the cavalryman came back strong in later rounds and won the match over the local boy.

The combined band concert at 3 p. m. attracted much attention, musicians from several surrounding bands taking part and following this event, the visitors were directed to the fairgrounds for the military drill and feature races of the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The spectacular event of the afternoon was the military drill, made up of drilling of the horsemen to the band music, various maneuvers and ending with a hurdle through a fire arch nearly two feet high. Firing of guns made a fitting climax to the drill.

Award Many Prizes. First, second and third prizes were awarded on each of the races and the riders showed much competition in the events. The Rescue race, which required the riders to race the length of the quarter stretch, grasp a man from on foot and pull him on horse, returning at break-neck speed to the finish line was the closest race of the day, and attracted much interest.

The Cossack race and quarter-mile race displayed good horsemanship and pleased the crowds which had packed the grandstand. The climaxing of the race program was the dangerous Roman race, each man riding two horses in the quarter-mile event. With five entered only three finished, one man falling from his horse, but only very slight injuries were sustained.

The demonstration was staged by Troop "B" of the 2nd Ft. Riley Cavalry under command of Captain T. J. Hevly and Lieutenant F. O. Dewey. Visitors who came from miles around in every direction to Belleville expressed their satisfaction with the program and the trade extension committee was pleased with the result of the day for it is merely meant for a day of enjoyment. When the people are pleased the day is a success.

GRIDSTERS TO MORROWVILLE

High School Squad To Take on First Game Off Season.

The Belleville high school football team goes to Morrowville, Kansas tomorrow for their first football game of the season. Coach Carroll intends to take the entire squad to this first game and give as many of them as possible a chance to enter the game. Morrowville has a team of husky high school men however and the opinion was expressed that a strong eleven would be necessary to cop the game. Next Friday, October 5, Concordia plays the local team on the fairgrounds gridiron here.

Racers Are Now Well. Final reports from Harry Gage and Clarence Jones, race drivers who were injured on the North Central Kansas Speedway, are to the effect that both are now home and practically recovered.

Sam Nixon will hold an auction sale at the farm one mile west of Munden tomorrow (Friday), at which he will offer a good assortment of cattle, hogs, horses, feed and implements. The sale begins at 11 o'clock.

Young Songbird



—Photo courtesy Topeka Capital

MISS ELISE ARBUTHNOT

Miss Elise Arbuthnot, soprano singer of Lebanon will go to Topeka today to enter the National Radio Audition singing contest sponsored by the A. W. Kent Foundation. The Topeka contest, which will be held tomorrow (Friday) is to determine the outstanding singer of the state of Kansas who will go to a district meet to go to the national audition. Both boys and girls are enrolled as entrants and Miss Arbuthnot was the first entrant from Kansas.

Miss Arbuthnot daughter of Chas. J. Arbuthnot formerly of Belleville, was the principal singer in the musical revue at the North Central Kansas Free Fair last month. She has a splendid voice and her part in the program at the Free Fair did much toward making the revue "go over." Miss Arbuthnot's prospects are bright for the future of her chosen career.

NEW THEATRE ARRANGES FOR TALKING PICTURES

Installation Will Be Made Not Later Than May 1st. According to Contract Just Signed By Blair Theatre Enterprises

An announcement has just been made by Sam H. Blair of the Blair Theatre Enterprises of the signing of a contract a few days ago by which the new Blair theatre is to have both Vitaphone and Movietone reproducing equipment a few months after the opening of the new showhouse.

The announcement means, according to J. L. McKinney of the Electrical Research Producing company, Inc., sole distributors of the reproducing apparatus, that Belleville is to have the only sound reproducing pictures this side of Topeka, Kan., according to present contracts in effect. Mr. McKinney stated that although the Vitaphone and Movietone equipment had been sold in smaller theatres than the Blair theatre at Belleville, none has yet been sold in as small a town as this, and predicted great popularity for the new Blair theatre with the installation of the reproducing devices. Mr. Blair has purchased the two separate equipments required to reproduce each kind of pictures at a cost of around \$16,500, he said.

Sound is Simultaneous. The Vitaphone equipment is a disc device used in conjunction with the picture machines for reproducing sound, music or voice. The disc is driven by the same motor as used on the projector and is therefore turned at the same rate of speed as the projector machine, giving the sound simultaneously with the appropriate part of the picture.

Sound Comes Right Through. Movietone equipment is somewhat different in that the disc method is not used, but a system is used whereby the sound has been actually photographed on the film at the same time the picture was taken. Action on the screen and the various sounds or music is therefore made in synchronization, and the sound is gathered by electrical pick-up. The Movietone is mounted by an attachment to the projector machine while the Vitaphone is a separate disc-reproducer.

Installation of the sound reproducing features will be delayed somewhat, due to the advance orders on both machines, but Mr. Blair was assured it would not be later than May first.

C. M. REED TO SPEAK HERE

Public Meeting at Court House Monday Night Oct. 9th.

Clyde M. Reed, Republican candidate for governor of Kansas, will speak at a public meeting in Belleville on Monday night, October 8th, beginning at 8 o'clock, according to word received by Clara C. Baldwin, secretary of the county central committee for the party. What Mr. Reed will discuss at the meeting, which will be held in the court house, has not yet been announced.

ANNUAL WINCHESTER SALE. The fourth annual Winchester sale, with 6,200 dealers participating, is announced in today's Telescope by Geo. W. Collins and Son Belleville Winchester store. The ten day sale begins today, and closes Saturday October 6th.

Watch Belleville Grow.

COUNTY TEACHERS TO COME HERE SATURDAY

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS TO PRESIDE

Practically All Teachers of County Are Now Members of Association; New Officers Elected Last Month Are in Charge

Teachers from various districts in Republic county will gather here Saturday for the first meeting of the school year of the Republic County Teachers Association. Practically every teacher in the county belongs to the association which carries a slight membership fee and a large attendance is expected to be present for this first meeting.

New officer of the association were elected at the session of the county Institute held in August, Herschel Kanner having been elected president for the county. The other officers are: Vice President, east side, Lowell Small; vice-president, west side, R. A. Renner; secretary, Zola Erkenbrack; treasurer, Minta Walter.

The association meeting Saturday will be held at the high school building beginning at 2:00 p. m. The principal address will be given by Prof. P. C. Somerville of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina. Following is the program:

Girls' Quartette..... Belleville H. S.
Violin solo..... Maurice Waterson
Munden
Reading..... Evannah Larson
Scandia
Vocal Solo..... Elsie Wall
Music Supervisor, Scandia
Address—"I am Now Becoming What I am to Be"
Prof. P. C. Somerville,
Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina
Girls' Quartette..... Belleville H. S.
Announcements.

BLOSSER ADVERTISES PLANES

Is First Retail Sales Ad in Kansas County Seat Weeklies

The Blosser Motor Company dealer in American Eagle airplanes and Chevrolet cars carries an ad in this issue of the Telescope showing the American Eagle "Master of the Air," with information about the ship of interest to all who follow aviation. This is one of the first airplane retail sales ads to be carried in county weeklies in Kansas if not in the United States.

Chas. H. Blosser, head of the Blosser Motor Co., at Belleville, Concordia and Superior, is an able pilot, and makes frequent business trips in his plane, which he keeps in his hangar at the air field on the north edge of Belleville.

A sales campaign for American Eagles is beginning in this territory, and Mr. Blosser will be glad to demonstrate the ship to those interested in the purchase of a plane for business or commercial purposes.

ANSWER RED CROSS CALL

The Belleville Red Cross organization has responded to the call for aid from the Hurricane relief workers and sent fifty dollars in money for their fund. G. A. Chapin, chairman of the home service department, says the local society will be glad to receive donations for this cause.

STUDEBAKER CARAVAN

The traveling musical Studebaker, owned by the Studebaker Corp., arrived in Concordia last week and at the Walker Motor Co. and a big show was planned. A free picture show, "Hall All Men Marry," and a million dollar production of the Studebaker proving ground and factory were shown and an automobile exhibition was held Monday evening to a large crowd. The music car was in Belleville Monday afternoon.

M. E. APPOINTMENTS MADE

Rev. W. A. Reese Returned to Belleville Pastorate; Other Appointments in District Are Given

Rev. W. A. Reese has returned as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Belleville for the Northwest Kansas conference at its meeting in Salina. Appointments of the conference were made public Tuesday.

Dr. U. S. Brown is superintendent of the Concordia district, and other appointments in this district are: Agenda and Cuba, C. M. Nutter; Agra, R. G. Baxley; Formosa, F. A. Mead; Glade, Floyd R. Hearn; Glasco, A. D. Hall; Jamestown, I. T. Allen; Jewell, J. E. Murphy; Jewell Circuit, F. B. Walmer; Kensington, Roy Allsberry; Kirwin, Charles Walker; Lebanon, H. P. Woertedyke; Logan, Harry Riley; Long Island, F. B. Cunningham; Lovewell, G. C. Milner; Mankato, Fred Blanding; Miltonvale, C. H. Cowman; Munden and Narka, L. R. Fish; Otego, J. R. Hiner; Phillipsburg, E. L. Brooks; Poris, O. N. Miles; Randall, I. S. Cowman; Rice, H. S. Oplinger; Smith Center, Harry Crane; Talmo, Miss Winnie Gabrielson.

L. E. Cooke formerly minister at Concordia was retained as superintendent of Hays district and was also elected as one of the trustees of Kansas Wesleyan college at Salina. L. R. Honderick was appointed to Beloit pastorate, Paul J. Vieguth to Delphos charge.

CALL C. OF C. MEETING

Report of Fair Board Committee Will Be Given Friday Night

Following the suspension of meetings during the summer H. A. Calkins president of the chamber of commerce has called a meeting of the members for Friday night in the commercial club rooms at 8 o'clock. Besides the regular business the report of the fair committee will be given.

Much interest is manifest in the outcome of the financial department of the chamber of commerce fair fund and it is expected that a good attendance will be out for the meeting Friday night to hear the report.

WRECK ON BUSY CORNER

Two Cars Collide at Intersection Tuesday Evening

A collision at the intersection of Nineteenth and M streets Tuesday evening attracted a crowd of people, although no one was hurt and neither car was seriously damaged.

James Ramsbottom of Munden in a Chrysler sedan, collided with Frank Rytych of Belleville, who was driving a Ford coupe. Ramsbottom was going east on Nineteenth and Rytych south on M street, when the two cars came together with a crash. The Chrysler received a mashed running board, and the Ford a bent fender and punctured radiator.

ORGANIZE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Menninger Bible Class Sees Enrollment of 30 Members

Organization of a religious school has just been completed here by Mrs. P. S. McCune, of the Menninger Bible Study class course of religious instruction. Thirty enrolled Monday afternoon and Mrs. O. M. Cameron was selected as teacher of the class. Mrs. H. N. Douglas having been elected president, and Mrs. George Faulkner secretary-treasurer.

The Menninger school is a four-year course on study of the Bible, classes from October to May each year, and the school will meet weekly.

DEFEAT NATURAL GAS PLAN

Omaha Election Upon Which Gas Here Was Hinged Results in Defeat of Pipeline Proposition

Another natural gas possibility for Belleville met a snag when the Omaha city election upon which the natural gas proposition for Belleville depended voted the issue down in one of the heaviest voted special city elections in some time.

A little more than a week ago a Mr. Layton of the Layton Gas and Development company of the Panhandle Plains of Texas conversed with city officials here to feel out the situation at this point and make certain the city would be favorable to a franchise under proper conditions. Mr. Layton asserted however, that the building of the pipeline which would be brought up from Texas through Beloit and Belleville to Omaha hinged entirely on the question of whether Omaha would permit their municipal plant to be discarded to use the new natural gas. Both the Omaha newspapers advocated the acceptance of the natural gas to the voters of the city in an organized fight on the issue in three of the city's wards made certain its defeat according to press dispatches.

This is the second time that a possibility of natural gas has been brought up for Belleville, and lost for want of sanction by a large city which could be made an objective of a pipeline from the gas fields of southern Oklahoma and Texas.

The Layton company asserted that should the election in Omaha be defeated, they would continue their fight for an objective point as a terminus for a pipeline through this section of the country and there is yet a possibility that natural gas will be brought into this territory.

OPEN NEW BYARS STORES

P. E. Tyler Local Manager to Geneva, Neb., for Opening.

Five new stores in the J. B. Byars Company chain were opened last week bringing the total number of stores owned by the company to 85. P. E. Tyler, manager of the Belleville store, supervised the opening of the town.

The opening took place last Wednesday.

The Byars company opened a new store at Horton, Kansas, and three new stores were opened in Texas, last Friday.

PLEDGE TO FRATERNITIES

Word has been received here that Miss Anita Munford who is attending Kansas University has been pledged to the Alpha Omicron Pi. Harold Fulcomer who is attending the same university to Sigma Nu, and Osmy McFarland at the University of Nebraska to Phi Gamma Delta.

Watch Belleville grow.

HOW IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

Look at your date tag on this issue of The Telescope and see if your subscription has expired to The Old Home Paper. This is the subscription-renewing season and several hundred subscribers are in arrears on the paper. Look at your date tag and see if you are paid up. If not send check or money order today before you forget it—Keep the Home Paper coming.

Mother and Daughter Marry Two Nebraskans at Double Ceremony

A double wedding with the two brides mother and daughter, was performed at the Probate Judge's office in Belleville Tuesday, when Mrs. Josephine Knowlton and Stewart T. Reed, both of Hebron, Neb., were united in marriage, and Mrs. Knowlton's daughter, Lillian M. Knowlton married William R. Powell of Craborchard, Neb.

Stewart T. Reed, who was setting forth on his third trip on the sea of matrimony, cast many reflections on the present methods of marrying, and from the wealth of his experience was able to find many reasons why things were better in the good old days.

"When I was married the first time, they only charged me \$1.35 for my license," Reed informed the probate judge, "and I've got a good notion to go back to Nebraska to get married yet." But the younger couple had come to Belleville with the intention of getting together and would not return any other way so the old folks decided to have the knot tied along with the kids and the twin ceremonies were performed.

"Don't you think I'm going to let these Belleville jewelers soak me ten dollars for a wedding ring," the elderly groom broadcast, "I've been married too many times to get hooked for any little gold band. If the ring my first wife had isn't good enough for Mrs. Know—I mean Mrs. Reed, I can get a dandy from the Montgomery Ward catalog and it'll only cost fifty cents."

The ceremony was performed without a balk but was stopped once before the final "I do" as preached, when Reed interrupted the vows by waving wildly at courthouse employees who were standing in the courtroom door, watching the double wedding.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY KILLED WHEN LAIRD PLANE FALLS

Ship Sold by Blosser Three Weeks Before Hits Air Pocket at Cimarron; One Dead and Two Hurt

"Sonny" Davis a high school boy, was killed, and his pal, Bud Huffman, was probably fatally injured, when the Laird Swallow plane piloted by M. L. Ware struck an air pocket during a passenger flight at Cimarron in southeastern Kansas, last Saturday. The plane was sold to Fred Rath of St. Francis the first of September by Chas. H. Blosser, and Ware, the pilot, was employed as Blosser's pilot for two months. Bob Wright, mechanic for the Blosser planes, was in Cimarron with the ship, but the two high school boys and Ware were the only passengers.

Altitude Blamed for Fall. The accident occurred while passenger flights were being made in connection with the fair at Cimarron, once a famous frontier town, 25 miles west of Dodge City. The day was windy and an additional hazard is the altitude of over 2,500 feet which makes flying dangerous.

The plane struck an air pocket according to information received over long distance telephone by Mr. Blosser, and the rarefied air made it impossible to right the ship and it fell 700 feet to the ground.

Ware was injured, but is recovering. Huffman is in a hospital at Dodge City, with arm, shoulder and jaw broken, and is given an even chance to recover. The plane was wrecked, nothing but the motor being left or repairing, and the remainder of the ship was burned.

Made Altitude Flight Here

The plane is the same one which made an altitude flight of 5,000 feet over Belleville during the North Central Kansas Free Fair, in an attempt to restore the hearing of 10-year-old Genevieve Lipinski. A drop of 1,200 feet straight downward was made by Pilot Ware followed by a series of slideslides, but the ship stood the strain of that flight and apparently landed in excellent condition.

STOCK SHIPMENTS GREATER

Nearly 3300 head of stock were unloaded at the east stockyards at the Rock Island last week according to I. N. Dyer caretaker. In one day 1,827 head of sheep were unloaded and fed. The good stock market prices current was given as the reason for the large shipments which broke previous records at the yards.

OCT. COURT JURORS DRAWN

Next Term of Court Slated to Open October 15; Clerk of Court Preparing Docket Now

The October term of the District Court in Republic county will open on the 15th and the following is the list of jurors drawn for the term: Glenn Householder, Rydal.

C. F. Krause, Belleville. John S. Canfield, City. Chas. Jensen, Belleville. M. E. Kelly, Talmo. Preston Craft, Republic. Chris Hiner, Munden. L. J. Marshall, Scandia. Curtis Collins, City. J. A. Erickson, Courtland. Carl Eitzman, Hardy, Neb. Clifford Hazen, Hollis. J. C. Chopp, Narka. Walter Anderson, Scandia.

B. L. Lash, Rydal. F. E. Burgess, Courtland. Chas. Hadachek, Cuba. J. D. Larson, Scandia. W. B. Curry, Rydal. Martin Skocny, Cuba. E. A. Pixley, Concordia. W. H. Mikesell, City. Roy Canfield, Munden. F. W. Burns, Scandia. Dan Brown, Belleville. M. C. Ramsbottom, Munden. E. S. Farkee, Rydal.

C. E. McDowell, Scandia. Geo. Ducey, Munden. H. M. Ellis, Wayne. Edw. Boman, Clyde. Frank J. Platter, Narka. Joe Wokal, Cuba. J. D. Pentlev, Courtland.

REPAINT PARKING LINES

Parking lines on the streets of Belleville are being repainted by employees. White wavy posts have already been repainted and the rest of the streets is improved.

EXPANSION PROGRAM IS PROVING BIG IN 1928

CITY EXPERIENCING GREATEST BUSINESS GROWTH NOW

Progress of Belleville Depends on Spirit of Business Men in Looking to Future; Trade Extension Program a Big Part

1928 sees the greatest building program that Belleville has experienced in many years. The city is expanding in a commercial way to an extent that is unparalleled in its history. Optimism prevails in this community and business men are looking into the future with confidence.

Without reciting at this time the various improvements or program of community expansion which the columns of the Telescope has reported from week to week, it is a reasonable assumption that this community is headed in the direction of bigger and better things.

Crop conditions and economic conditions and the fact that the buying power of the farmer is gradually returning is of course responsible for a portion of this progress. But this is not the whole story. An aggressive and a progressive community that does not take advantage of conditions will not reap the full possible benefits of returning prosperity.

In this connection it may be said that the business men of Belleville have been alert and progressive and have sought by various means to let the outside world know that Belleville is an unusual town and has unusual and peculiar advantages which other towns perhaps do not possess, or at least do not let outside world know about. The business men of Belleville in the last year have shown a spirit of co-operation and a spirit of community service, along broad lines which has not been coualed before in the city's development.

The trade extension program, carried on by the Belleville business men is entitled to no small part in the growth and development of the city and it reflects a vision and a confidence for which the alert business men of the community cannot be too highly commended.

It is an example of a cohesive and well organized program for community development and community expansion which is entitled to more than passing notice.

SELL 22 RADIOS

King-Reese Makes Real Record in Past Two Months

In business less than two months, but with sales of 22 radios, the King-Reese Radio Store is making a real record in the radio business. The firm opened for business in Belleville August 1st, and deal exclusively in Majestic radios, with the entire county for their territory.

Van King and Wilburn Reese, members of the firm are thoroughly trained in radio work and are assisted by Ralph Douglas. The young men paid little attention to the fact that August and September are dull months in radio, and are rated as one of the leading Majestic dealers in this territory.

The Majestic now has the largest out-put of any radio manufacturer, with a daily scale of 3,000 sets.

ANNOUNCE NEW DURANTS

New 1929 models of Durant automobiles are announced today by the Tourist Garage dealers for Republic county and the new models in both fours and sixes will be on display Saturday. Three solid trainloads of the new models were shipped from the factory so that the new cars might be displayed simultaneously in all cities.

Vastly improved body construction, eliminating squeaks and rattles, is a feature of the new Durants, which are already in quantity production. Durant Motor showed a gain of 20.5 per cent in production during the first six months in 1928, compared to the same period last year, with an output exceeding the previous period by 25,000 cars.

The Tourist Garage extends an invitation to attend the showing of these fast selling automobiles announced in today's Telescope.

TRAIN LOAD OF COAL

Several Cars for Belleville Lumber Company on Train

A solid trainload of Labeled Coal, from the mines of the Victor-American Fuel Company will arrive in Belleville next Thursday. Several cars from the long train will be obtained by the Belleville-Lumber Company. Belleville dealer in Pinnacle and Wadde coal.

The train is dispatched from the mines in Routt county Colorado, to assure plenty of coal for dealers in Kansas. Many orders for coal for winter supply are expected by the Belleville Lumber Co. and purchase now saves delivery expense.

SELL BLACKSMITH SHOP

Coleman & Barnard are announcing in today's Telescope the sale of their blacksmith shop to Havel and Bonyach of Cuba, Kansas. The business which has been handled by Geo. Coleman was established a number of years ago.

Telescope classified advertising is bringing good results to many patrons each week. Have you tried it? —E