

IDEAL BUILDING PLACE OPENED

Twenty Acres of Allgire Farm Platted.

Homestead Land Company Deal Will Boom McComb—Land Originally Entered by Benjamin Todd.

Tuesday, negotiations which have been pending for three weeks between Miss Sarah Allgire and the Homestead Land company, of Akron, were closed, transferring a part or the whole of twenty acres of land of the Allgire farm, which fronts on Todd street. The deal was successfully engineered by Mr. W. D. Porter, who has been working quietly on the matter the above stated time and it means much to McComb's future. The new owners will plat the ground and sell town lots on the plan as advertised in another part of this issue. This piece of land has always been considered an ideal place for building lots and the former owners were always reluctant in parting with the same until the new owners came along, who had faith in McComb and will boom the town. It is said that the new owners will build houses on satisfactory terms to the purchaser. With this deal records the passing of a part of the Allgire farm, which was originally entered by Benjamin Todd and later sold to Mr. George Allgire.

PLEASANT HILL.

Mrs. Jesse Edgington of near Napoleon, is the guest of W. C. Edgington and family this week.

Fred and Ed Kempher were guests of their sister near Bluffton over Sunday.

Ethel, Elmer and Hobart Straley returned Saturday from a pleasant visit at West Mansfield.

Fern Lawrence is visiting at P. G. Grosse's in Findlay this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce entertained Sunday, Noll Dever, wife and son, Henry Spangler and family of Findlay, Charles St. John and family of Deweyville.

Mrs. Burl Foust's two brothers, Messrs. Rhoads, of Van Wert are her guests this week.

Harrison Conaway and Inez Fisher attended the Browneller reunion at Riverside park Wednesday.

Mrs. Maude Sites entertained her Sunday school class at dinner Sunday. Those present were: Ed Kempher, Lenna Deter, Bernice Wagner, Edith Urban, Hazel Overholt, Sylvia Brandeberry, Dale Cone, Garrett Van Swearinger, George and Harry Bails, Edythe and Nellie Hardwick, Mary and Anna Daniels. A fine time was reported.

Several from this neighborhood attended the Farmers Tri-County picnic at Riverside park Thursday.

J. W. Insley, wife and daughter, Myrna, were guests at John Wine-land's in Bloomdale Sunday.

Hilton Edwards went to Defiance Tuesday where he will visit his mother several days.

Agnes Myers returned to her home in Bloomdale Sunday, after a two weeks' sojourn at Jay Insley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brandeberry entertained Sunday: Bert and Wilbur Insley, Ola, Nola and Esther Insley, Dale Neible and Carrie Gorrell.

Mrs. Elsea of Findlay was a guest at Carlin Edgington's Monday.

Jay Insley was a guest of his brother, A. M., at Arcadia, Monday.

HONORED GUESTS.

Miss Lulu Hopper was a delightful hostess Tuesday evening from 7:30 until 10:30 to a party of friends honoring her house guests Misses Florence Gadday and Helen Hoyell of Cleveland. The hours were pleasantly spent with games and contests as the diversions. Miss Mazel Clapper being awarded the highest honors. Late in the evening a dainty luncheon was served. There were twenty-two present to enjoy the hospitality of Miss Hopper.

SAND RIDGE.

Master Valdo Yantis visited last week with relatives at McComb.

The Misses Mabel Hamlin, Eva Spout and Ilo Powell of Findlay, took Sunday dinner at the home of John Hamlin.

The ice cream social held at the chapel last Friday evening was a grand success and a neat sum was taken in.

A number of teachers from this place are attending the institute held at Findlay this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Dresser of Detroit, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Burgoon, of Hoytville, spent Sunday at the home of James Gorrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Laveck and family of Deshler, spent Sunday with the former's parents of this place.

Mrs. Harry Hough of Kendallville, Ind., and Miss Edna Russell of Youngstown, visited with Belle Hough last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbermuth and son, Earl, of Leipsic, spent Sunday at the home of Milton Steiniger.

Ellwood Laveck was a Deshler caller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Widdenmyer of Hammonsburg, took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Withrup.

Last Thursday evening at 6 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. Merritt Wilson and Miss Emma Maigs at the home of the bride's parents in North Baltimore. The happy couple left Saturday for their new home in Oklahoma. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations.

WATCH FOR THE BIG SHOW.

From all sides comes the general verdict of the press and public, that Hi. Henry's Big Modern Minstrels is a corker; in catering for the lead Mr. Henry has no easy cinch, but that he is very close to the mark is the general opinion of all who have seen his Superb Show; they travel in a special train of private palace cars; they carry a car load of special scenery of the most elaborate design; they mount their first part with costly electric effects and gorgeous satin costumes. They permit nothing old nor objectionable; their performers and features are carefully selected, and their program is unique and original, encore after encore greets their splendid entertainment, and bursts of laughter, and shouts of approval resound from start to finish; they will be at the Majestic Theater, Findlay, on Friday evening, August 28, and every one who enjoys a hearty laugh and lots of fun should secure their tickets at once, which are now on sale at Fray's drug store.

DEWEYVILLE.

Don't forget the K. O. T. M. social tonight. Music throughout the evening.

Mrs. David Priest, who has been quite poorly during the past week is somewhat improved at this writing.

Ralph Gorrell of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of B. D. Aukerman and family.

J. K. Champion and family and Burl Ankerman attended the Cornwell reunion at Findlay Saturday.

Miss Helen Ewing is visiting relatives in Toledo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sites of Findlay, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Priest, Monday.

L. D. Smith and wife of McComb, and Mrs. Will Kelley of Toledo, were Sunday guests at the home of Earl Smith.

Mrs. Henry Wiseley spent a few days of last week with relatives near Findlay.

Messrs. Browneller, Ankerman and Smith have completed eighty rods of stone pike in Deweyville, making one of the finest roads on Sand Ridge.

John Bryan and family of McComb were Sunday visitors with Edward Bryan and wife.

Earl Smith entertained Miss Lena Debaecker of Toledo, and Clarence and Hazel Smith of McComb Monday evening.

William and Earl Browneller and their families attended the Browneller family reunion at Riverside park Wednesday.

PLEASANT ANNUAL REUNIONS

Remarkable Twin Record of Many Generations.

Todd-Gault Fourth Event at E. C. Kelley's—Butler Mitchell First Reunion—Many Welcomed.

From early in the morning until the noon hour guests were continually arriving at the home of E. C. Kelley, Thursday, August 20 to participate in the fourth annual reunion of the Todd-Gault families. The morning hours were delightfully spent in the renewing of old acquaintances and the forming of new ones, until the noon hour was announced and a sumptuous dinner was served, to which all done ample justice. Following the dinner innocent and health inspiring games were indulged in by the younger members of the happy throng.

At the appointed time the association was called to order by President Len Todd to transact any business that might come before the meeting, and to render the following program: music, Mrs. Dorcas; prayer, J. C. But; address of welcome, Eunice Kelley; response, J. B. Todd; recitation, Florence Aukerman; Gault family history, also biography of Richard Gault born in 1722, Mrs. Joseph Kinsey; minutes of last meeting; letter from Hannah Gault; instrumental music, Mrs. Dorcas; recitation, Agatha Fry. During the business session the following officers were elected: President, B. L. Gault; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Kelley. The association will meet next year at the home of Mr. B. L. Gault of McComb. Before adjournment remarks were made by the following: John Todd, Ashbury Todd, J. L. Todd, John Shoop, Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham, Frank Deerwester, Henry Gault, F. R. Gault, Mrs. M. C. Todd, C. D. Todd and Elisha Todd after which a vote of thanks tendered Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kelley for their hospitality and entertainment.

Relatives in attendance from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Conine of Atlantic City, Ia., Mrs. M. C. Todd and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Todd, of Des Moines, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ingraham, of Albion, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gault, of Bowling Green, Mell Todd, of Goshen, Ind., J. B. Todd, of Maumee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelley, of Benton Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ashbury Todd, of Ottawa, John Todd, of Findlay, Harry Fry and wife, of Findlay, Henry Gault, of Charlotte, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gault, of Lodi.

The Hissong reunion was held Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hissong. Above the entrance to the porch were the words "Welcome" while the interior of the house was decorated with all the cut flowers of the season. The welcome address was given by the hostess, Mrs. Hissong, and the response by Miss Marie Clapper. Three persons were present who had never met with the company in a previous reunion. They were W. O. Hissong, of Tulsa, Okla.; J. W. Chronister, of Plymouth, and John Kemp, of Attica. The latter gave the history of the Kemp and Hissong families. Mrs. Maggie Anderson, of Jenera, was present. This lady is the mother of three pair of twins, two pair were present with her. This seems to be a remarkable instance inasmuch as her mother was a twin, her grandmother and great grandmother were both twins, and her husband's great grandmother was a twin. Fifty-two persons were present at the reunion, and a pleasant time enjoyed by all.

The first reunion of the Butler-Mitchell families was held at the home of I. J. Butler Thursday, Aug. 20. The forenoon was spent in renewing old acquaintances, and at the noon hour nearly two hundred and fifty had assembled to which a bountiful dinner was served. During the

afternoon a short literary program was enjoyed. The first settlers of these families moved to Fairfield county from Lancaster county, Pa., and later came to Hancock and Wood county. The oldest member of these families is Mr. I. W. Mitchell, who was present, and it was agreed to hold the next reunion on August 28, 1909 at his home.

Those present from a distance were: John W. Butler, of Muscatine, Ia., Mrs. France Mitchell, of Milton Center, Mrs. Harriet Culler, of Carey, and Edison and Richard Mitchell, of Monroe, Mich. Music was furnished throughout the day by the Four County band.

TWO FARMS SOLD.

High prices of land does not seem to prevent sales in this vicinity. Friday, Strauss Bros., of Ligonier, Ind., purchased the eighty acres of Fred Hector at \$115 per acre and the adjoining farm of sixty-seven acres of Daniel C. Warner, of this place, at \$100. per acre. Both farms are north west of town and are among the best. Mr. Elzie Miller resides on the Warner place.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Misses Hickerson and Moore Plan Novel Social Entertainment.

The ideal temperature of a mid-summer day aided greatly in making the Progressive Party, planned by Misses Hickerson and Moore, Friday, a decided success. The guests, twenty-four young ladies attended in their prettiest gowns, went first, as per invitation, to the home of Miss Etha Hickerson. After greetings and a little idle chat, the progressive idea was carried out by a "tour around the world" which proved to be a trip around the dining room table upon which were placed articles representing some city, river, state or country. Miss Dolores Haines succeeded in guessing the most names and was given a trunk (doll's size) filled with chocolate bonbons. Miss Lola Neible was consoled with a tiny china trunk containing red and white mints. The first course of the progressive luncheon was then served by the hostess, consisting of fruit, sandwiches, salad and coffee. The Misses Marie Clapper and Leola Crumrine assisted in the serving. Carnations were given as favors. Miss Mary Crumrine, of Wichita, Kas., the guest of honor, sang several pretty solos. A mathematical problem was given and the guests were told to follow the advice of the solution. The answer was "23" so they all skiddooed" at once to Miss Moore's, where they were served with the second course, ice cream with pineapple and nuts, angel food and iced tea. Twelve were served at one time in the order of their birth months. Place cards were diamond shaped cards, upon which was written the name of the month, the birth stone, the flower and the sentiment. This created amusement as in most cases the sentiment written was so inappropriate to the person receiving it. The last contest of skill was the writing of leap-year proposals. Each were given slips, some large, some small, and requested to make their proposals correspond in size with the paper. These were read aloud by the hostess, and voted upon. The prize winner, Miss Ella Bolton, was presented with the picture of a handsome man, as drawn by Grefe. Miss Edith Williams and Mrs. Clayton Davis, of Findlay, were out of town guests.

FILLED VACANCY.

The adjourned session of the council which convened Friday evening developed into a regular love feast. All members were present and voted unanimously on all matters. Among the most important matters, was the passing of the resolutions deeming it necessary to pave East and West Main street. All differences were buried and John R. Shoop was appointed to fill the unexpired term of T. W. Collingwood. The estimated cost of the West Main street improvement is \$2,950; East Main \$3,100.

GRIM REAPER CLAIMS TWO

Well Known People Pass to Great Beyond.

Mrs. C. W. Drapier Succumbs to Heart Failure—Cancer Claims Mr. Bernice Hathaway.

Mrs. C. W. Drapier, residing eight miles southwest of McComb, in Putnam county, passed away Sunday without a moments warning. The deceased has been in ill health for the past eighteen months, but death was due to heart failure. She was born in Cass township, Hancock county, in 1856 and was fifty-one years, eleven months and twenty-three days of age at the time of her death. In 1876 she was united in marriage to Mr. W. C. Drapier, who besides two daughters and two sons survives. Early in life she was converted and joined the M. E. church and upon moving to her late home about twenty-six years ago she united with the Pleasant Hill U. B. church of which she remained a faithful member. When the local Womans Missionary Association was organized she was a charter member in which work she endeared herself. Besides the immediate members of the family she leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss as was attested by the large funeral which was held at the residence Wednesday morning, Rev. Fellers of this place officiating. Interment at Gilboa cemetery.

After intense suffering from cancer of the stomach and being confined to his bed the past week, Mr. Bernice Hathaway, an aged and highly respected farmer of this township passed away Sunday morning at his late home west of town. Mr. Hathaway was never married and made his home with Mr. D. B. Otto, who resided on his farm, for the past twenty-seven years. The deceased is survived by several nephews and nieces, the immediate relatives all having passed away. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Shawtown church Rev. J. C. Crider officiating. Interment at the McComb cemetery.

DECREASING.

Records of the July collection under the Aiken \$1,000 liquor license law, which were completed Wednesday in the office of the state auditor, show that Ohio has fewer saloons by 458 than at the time of the January collection. The revenue shows a falling off of \$307,207.21 since January, says the State Journal.

HEROISM REWARDED.

The heroic act of Miss Armentia Shaffer, a Carey young woman, at Lima during the G. A. R. encampment, has been productive of a check for \$320, received from Mrs. Emily Roberts, of Youngstown. Miss Shaffer prevented Mrs. Roberts' little son from being ground under the wheels of a rapidly moving interurban car.

HANCOCK'S BIG CORN CROP.

Hancock county farmers say the corn crop this year will be one of the largest and finest in many seasons. Every field is showing up fine. The ears of every variety are larger than usual and the kernels are well filled. It has been estimated by many that the yield will be nearly twice the average crop.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

The Democrats of Hancock county met in convention at Findlay Saturday and placed the following county ticket in the field:

For Representative, David P. Hagerty, of Liberty township; for Probate Judge, Homer O. Dorsey, of Findlay; for County Auditor, Eli Alexander, of Findlay; for Clerk of Courts, W. P. Alspach, of Amanda township; for Treasurer, William J. Frey, of Findlay; for Sheriff, Carl Wilcke, of Findlay; for Prosecuting Attorney, Charles A. Blackford, of Findlay; for County Recorder, A. C. Ewing, of Union township; for Surveyor, Elmer Hilty, of Orange township; for Coroner, Dr. Calvin D. Todd, of McComb; for Commissioners, Jesse Montgomery, of Orange township; Lewis Brickman, of Pleasant township; Jefferson Roller, of Biglick township; for Infirmary Directors, J. E. Copeland, J. E. Spangler, August Newman.

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RETURNS TO HANCOCK.

George H. Strouse, a former resident of Portage township, but for some years past residing in Ada, will again soon take up his residence in this county. Mr. Strouse has been in very feeble health for some time and is not yet much improved. He will move on a farm south of North Baltimore.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met in regular session at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ewing on Wednesday of this week. The following program was rendered: song, recitation, Olive Smith; scripture reading, Mrs. Wasson; responses to roll call, reading, "Twenty-Five Years in New Mexico," Mrs. Warren; reading, "The Varied Work of an Indian Missionary," Mrs. Warren; reading, "Do Ye Even So to Them," Mrs. Cusic, story, "A Partnership," Mrs. C. W. Griswold, recitation, Olive Smith; missionary story, Mrs. Weinland, closing prayer. Following the program a short business session was held, after which the hostess assisted by Miss Ewing served a delicious two course supper to the members and the gentlemen, who were so kind as to convey the ladies to the country in their automobiles. Mrs. Weinland will be the next hostess.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

Rev. Prugh of Kansas, will occupy the pulpit of the Blanchard Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and at the Presbyterian church at this place in the evening.

RECITAL.

Miss Etha Hickerson will give a recital by the pupils of her class this evening at the Church of Christ. A fine program has been arranged which will be published in full next week. Miss Mary Crumrine will assist. The public is cordially invited.

DISINTERESTED MEN DECIDE

Herald's Great Buggy Prize Contest.

Hustling Was the "Mascot" That Helped Win Big Results—Perseverance Counted in the End.

The suspense is over. The committee of disinterested parties consisting of Mayor Lafayette Hull and R. A. Roether have made the official count in the great Herald buggy contest and announce the following highest winners:

First—Monroe Bricker, McComb, 15020
Second—Sylvia Brandeberry, Route 24, 13380.
Third—Earl Smith, Deweyville, 13345.

See what a little hustling did. Each one of the three highest were well repaid for their efforts besides obtaining valuable experience, which will be of greater assistance in after life. Newspaper solicitors are scarce in fact there are none in this county and the Herald took the contest feature as a circulation builder. It was a success from the start. Those that did not win should not be discouraged, they made an honest effort, but lacked the staying qualities. Perseverance is the only thing that wins in this day and age.

All candidates have our appreciation and we are indebted to them for their assistance in building up the Herald to the highest point ever attained. The above candidates will please call at the office at their convenience and select their prize.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE.

On last Saturday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Dollie, daughter of Mrs. T. C. Morrison to Mr. John Thomas, both of this place. The ceremony was performed at the Disciple parsonage by Rev. Maxwell. Many friends of the happy couple extend congratulations.

TO BE CONGRATULATED.

Representatives of the Anderson Underwear company, of Fostoria, were here Thursday for the purpose of taking up the stock of any of the citizens that desired their money. In that case the factory as projected will not likely materialize, and the people can congratulate themselves on the return of their money.

Miss Edna Brown and Inez Poe attended a lecture at Findlay, Tuesday evening.

Elias Mallott has made a recent improvement to his grocery by the addition of a large front show window.

Bring on your apples and I will do the rest. I will operate my cider press Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Mell Byall. 35w2

Mrs. L. S. Lafferty and children of Cleveland, have been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity the past week.

Merle Hudson of Toledo, returned home Thursday after several weeks visit at the home of his aunt, Mrs. W. A. Rader.

Mr. Charles Trowbridge entertained his mother, Mrs. C. M. Trowbridge of Nowata, Okla., and Mrs. John Morrison of Findlay, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Crouch of Deshler, are guests at the home of G. W. Myers and family having been called here on account of the illness of Mrs. Myers.

The I. O. O. F held a very interesting meeting Wednesday evening. All members are requested to be present next Wednesday evening. There will be something doing, for the contest is on.

A public demonstration of hypnotism will be given in Henney & Cooper's show window next Saturday afternoon and evening by A. M. Shepard. Two vaudeville acts will precede the events entertainment which will be held at the opera house.