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COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS

Business Men of Fonda Go On Record Concerning Road Laws.

One of the Most Enthussiastic And Profitable of the Club Meetings.

The Business Men's meeting at the K. C. hall last Thursday evening was a thriller so far as public spirit counts. There were forty members present and all awake to town welfare. President L. R. Wright, president of the club, presided, and a number of those present, including guests from the surrounding townships, addressed the meetings. At the beginning the members and their friends were served a most excellent supper, followed by a smoker during which sociability prevailed to a greater extent than usual. The social period was followed by a road meeting during which open discussion of ways and means to gravel secondary roads leading to main graveled highways a subject that every isolated farmer is deeply interested in. The president called on many of those present for an expression of opinion on the subject under discussion, and all were heartily in favor of such work. The discussion brought out many facts in cost to the township in cost of labor and grading concerning which general attention heretofore has not been directed. John Strauss, Will Weaver and John Herke, trustees of Cedar township were present as special invited guests of the association and entered into the spirit of the occasion. All three gave their version of township road matters. These talks gave proof that all the township officers are doing all they can under their financial program for each year. Cedar township has about $2,000 each year to spend on roads, and the limited amount does not admit of much extra expense for gravel, drainage, etc.

James L. O'Keefe, chairman of the county board of supervisors, gave a very instructive talk on road conditions and suggested that if township officials could map out a definite program each year he believed much headway could be made. He believed in the system of completing so many miles each year, and in this way the work would be completely finished in a few years. His idea suggested originating the work under a system so as to get passable roads on all school house roads at the earliest possible time. It is estimated that the grading and graveling of secondary roads costs about $600 per mile. He offered the use of the county grading outfit at actual cost of operating, as the county will not do any grading work to speak of during the ensuing summer. The meeting was very beneficial and brought forth much enlightenment along road lines. As it is, it was demonstrated that Pocahontas county has better improved roads than any county in the state.

The meeting went on record by adopting the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

It has been brought to the attention of the Fonda Commercial Club and the citizens of this community through news channels, that various laws relative to the roads of the State of Iowa, are being fostered and pushed for passage through the State Legislature. And Whereas:

Among these reported laws are ones purporting to do the following things, to-wit—

Give the exclusive control of the Primary Roads and Primary Road Fund to the State Highway Commission with the decision of maintainance and surfacing in that body.

Levy a gasoline tax of two cents a gallon on all gasoline sold in the state of Iowa.

Permit the issuance of $84,000,000.00 of bonds to start the paving of Iowa's highways,—

Be It Resolved

That we consider the present laws of the State of Iowa entirely adequate and safe for the public welfare in taxes and otherwise, that they serve the best interests of Pocahontas County as now written, we further believe that the intent of the law creating the Highway Commission, making them supervisors of construction of the roads and giving the maintenance to the Boards of Supervisors is the best arrangement, preserving to each County jurisdiction over the roads within its borders and keeping those responsible for the roads answerable to the people of each County.

We heartily endorse the gasoline tax as a just law and approve the proposal to divide the fund created by this tax on the basis of one third each to the Primary, County and Township roads, with the further idea that the division be on the basis of the area of each county as the present Primary Fund is distributed.

We oppose in every way and ask that all possible be done to defeat the issuance of any bonds as now proposed for the reason that we do not believe that the sum named will be at all adequate and that we will be in the position of other States that have started this program and will have to issue more and more bonds to complete the work laid out, nor do we believe that a system of paving that will stand the wear of the elements and the heavy freight traffic which will spring up after the paved roads are completed, has been evolved.

We especially recommend that the provisions of the Harrison law relative to the using of the Primary Road funds on Secondary Roads after the Primary Roads are completed, be not weakened but rather strengthened and buttressed by such safeguards as will make no trivial objections as now urged, delay work on such secondary roads.

We also urge that no matter what other changes may be made that the County unit be the basis for the distribution of the Primary Road Fund as it now is and that this fund be regarded as the assembling of ninety nine funds, each the exclusive property of a County and in case let these funds be put into a State Fund under the exclusive control of the Highway Commission to be used wherever they may choose. The northern part of the State of Iowa and Pocahontas County in particular were taxing themselves for good roads long before the Highway Commission started to function and had the basis of a good County road system started, which was taken over by the Primary Road System when they were adopted. And we do not appreciate now having other parts of the State more reluctant to tax themselves in the past, be the beneficieries of our funds raised from the taxation of our automobile or our gasoline.

Be It Further Resolved

That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and that copies of them be forwarded to our State Senator Hon F. C. Gilchrist and our State Represenative Hon. Arno Rassler and ask them to be specially mindful of the interests of Pocahontas County in these matters.

P. T. A. MEETS FEB. 3

The next Parent Teacher meeting takes place next Tuesday evening, February 3rd, at 8 o'clock, at the high school assembly room. We have the subject, "The Movies and the School", to discuss. This is a subject which ought to be of interest to all and which comes pretty close to the school work. Let all who are interested tell their friends about the meeting. Come prepared to take part in the discussion. Mr. Hannon and Mr. Royer will speak on different phases of the subject, after which there will be a free discussion.

OFFICIAL PAPERS SELECTED

The official paper hearing at Pocahontas last Thursday before the county board of supervisors terminated in the selection of the Pocahontas Democrat, Rolfe Arrow and Fonda Times. Four papers filed lists, which necessitated the board to select the three with the largest number of bona fide subscribers in the county. The Pocahontas Democrat filed the largest list—in neighborhood of 1800—Pocahontas Record 1070, Rolfe Arrow 1071 and Fonda Times 966. The Fonda Times, through its attorney, F. P. Hogan, filed objections before the board to Record's list because 388 subscribers had not paid subscription price for a period of from five to fifteen years; also objected to some 200 names listed as yearly subscribers, believing that these names had been put on only as temporary subscribers, thus disqualifying them within the intention of the law. The board after going into executive session, named the Pocahontas Democrat, Rolfe Arrow and The Fonda Times, the board casting five votes for the Democrat, five for the Arrow, four for the Times and one for Record. Thus The Times readers will continue to read all official county proceedings for the coming year.

DR. SIMPSON BURIED HERE

Dr. M. G. Simpson, for many years a resident of Fonda, but more recently located at Fairbault, Minnesota, died Thursday, January 22, caused by a tumor on the brain. Dr. Simpson was well known in and around Fonda, where he resided for more than twenty years, departing from here about six years ago. He was born at Hopkinton, St. Lawrence county, New York, June 29, 1850, and came west when still a young man. He came to Fonda to locate twenty-six years ago last November. He was twice married, his first wife who was well known here, being Miss Sophia Nutting, who died in June, 1917. His second wife survives him. He left here for Minnesota six years ago and located in business at Fairbault, Minnesota, where he resided until the hour of his death. He leaves two sons, Claude Simpson of Terrill, Iowa, and Frank Simpson of St. Paul, Minnesota. The latter accompanied the remains to Fonda, where they were laid at final rest in Cedar cemetery on Monday, the funeral taking place from L. R. Wright's undertaking establishment at 2:30 that afternoon. Dr. Simpson was a genial companion in his Fonda days, and pleasant memories remain of him with his old friends.

Frank Simpson, who spent his boyhood days in Fonda, but who is now a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is employed as superintendent of the Twin City egg and poultry house, visited with a number of old friends Monday, returning that evening. He accompanied the remains of his father here for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dishler and daughter of Kneirim were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burger Sunday.

AMONG THE LAWMAKERS

The members of the legislature have been in session now three weeks and as yet are hardly settled in their lodging places or gotten on to the combination of their meal tickets. It is the wheels within the wheels going round on the inside that makes the ticking but fails to strike the hour. There is a prospect of partizan trouble in the senate especially apparently growing out of committee appointments, but really it is a continuance of a fight engendered two years ago. Whatever the cause of bad blood, it is a factional disturbance, and it now looks as though legislation will be blocked for a time because the division of the forces stands about fifty-fifty in the senate.

There are three important measures confronting the body—the road problem, the gasoline tax and the child labor problem. With an administration highway program before them, the houses soon may be expected to start work on Iowa's knotty road problems. Governor Hammill has laid down as the administration's programm, transfer of the primary system to a state system under control of the highway commission. It is claimed that in order to receive federal aid in road construction the highway commission must have control of the funds. The opposition regards this an injustice to those counties who have good road service, inasmuch as they will have to help those counties where nothing has been done in road enterprise to help pave roads where counties have not gravel to operate with. In this part of the state good roads have been made possible by work already performed by a public spirited people. The people in the northern part of the state want the road fund apportioned to each county, and money disbursed by the board of supervisors in each county. The governor is unalterably opposed to a plan which anticipates a large bond issue, having in mind it is claimed, a personal principle that it is inadvisable to contemplate any large public proposition by indebtedness. If the proposition can be paid for "as we go", the governor believes, without inconvenience from delay, it is better to do so.

Three main considerations are entering into arguments among legislators over making the primary road system a state system of roads and doing away with county allotments of primary funds, as follows:

1. Gravel counties in northern Iowa are expected to oppose it, feeling that they should be reimbursed for expenditures they have made for grading, draining and bridging on the primary roads previous to the adoption of the primary road law. For these expenditures many of these counties issued bonds.

2. Counties which do not have their primary road systems graded are reported to feel that it is unfair to use primary money on secondary roads when they cannot get enough money to improve their primary roads. These counties are located mostly in the southern part of the state and along the eastern and western borders.

3. Big counties such as Polk, Woodbury and Linn, which are contributing more to the primary fund than they get back, feel that they are entitled to have their money spent on the main roads in other counties rather than on secondary roads.

With the committee hearing promised for this week on the proposed child labor amendment to the federal constitution, the first of the major issues to be brought before the forty-first general assembly probably will be soon on the floors of the chambers. The question of ratifying the amendment was submitter to the house of representative Saturday. The amendment will press for a vote upon the issue as early as possible in order to dispose of what generally is considered one of the most delicate measures before the present assembly. By introducing the measure in the house, the senate has been relieved of initial responsibility. If the amendment fails of ratification in the lower house it will of course never reach the senate.

The administration's program favors passage of a two-cent per gallon gasoline tax, and the measure will no doubt become a law, if the distribution of the funds so collected can be harmoniously decided upon.

The proposed income tax question also is due for introduction at an early session.

NEARLY FATAL SUFFOCATION

The two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilde, Murlene and Elloise, came near being fatal victims of asphyxia last Saturday. Mr. Wilde had installed a new portable furnace that generates gas on a small fire-place opening from coal oil. At times when the oxygen becomes low in a room, gas escapes, but is odorless and difficult to detect. The children were in the bath room where the furnace had been placed to make the room more comfortable for bathing, and the inhalation of the repressible gas not noticed nearly ended their young lives. Mrs. Wilde entered the room in time to find the oldest child unconscious on the bath room floor, her baby sister in her arms. Had Mrs. Wilde been delayed outside the bath room a few seconds longer, death must have ensued. As it was, it required three hours to bring them out of the suffocated condition to a normal state.

VARINA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dodd of Gilmore City together with their grandchildren Kenneth, Hazel and Fern Kee, were guests at the Jake Ziegler Sr. home Sunday.

Miss Irene Keenan was home from Sioux City to attend the funeral of her father.

Mr. Rassler, representative, went back to Des Moines Tuesday morning to continue his duties in the legislature.

Reverend Witter went to Storm Lake on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Carroll was a Fonda caller Monday.

Mr. Jack Krebs was in Fort Dodge Wednesday on business.

The Joe Keenan family are quarantined for scarlet fever. Several members of the family have been very sick.

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, father of Mike Sullivan, had the misfortune to have his finger taken off Tuesday. He caught his finger in the door of a car, and it was so mangled that it was necessary to have it taken off.

Mr. Mark Lilly from Fort Dodge Life Insurance was in Varina Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen from Chicago who is the agent for the Fidelity came Thursday. Mr. Allen has closed a deal for the Carey pool hall, and will take possession Monday. He is known here, as he barbered in Varina a number of years ago but for the past few years has been at the Drake hotel in Chicago, so he plans on opening a barber shop in the pool hall.

Art Cole from Newell was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cole Friday.

Mrs. Reneking and son drove to Fairmont, Minnesota Friday to visit Mrs. Reneking's son, who lives there. They returned to Varina Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bell from Sac City were visiting at the home of William Bell, who lives on a farm near Varina, last week.

Mrs. Ellen O'Brien and Mrs. Murray drove to Storm Lake Saturday to do some shopping.

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald and daughter Ethel drove to Fonda to do some shopping Saturday.

Mrs. Porath's nephew from Freeport, Illinois came Friday to visit at the Porath home.

School has been closed on account of the scarlet fever which has been around. It will open Wednesday, January 28th.

Mr. Will Kelly from Rolfe came Friday to visit at the home of Mr. Joe Wiewel.

Miss Ethel Fitzgerald spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Varina.

Miss Bertha LaMoreaux, came Saturday evening to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hauck. Miss LaMoreaux is a sister to Mrs. Hauck. She returned to her home at Akron, Monday morning.

Mr. Henry Bierwirth spent Sunday at Varina with Mrs. Bierwirth. He left to continue his work as assistant auditor Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hauck entertained the following at dinner Sunday: Misses Ethel and Grace Fitzgerald and Mr. Earl Fitzgerald in honor of Mrs. Hauck's sister, Miss Bertha LaMoreaux.

Miss Ethel Fitzgerald returned to Ware Sunday evening.

Miss Helen Fitzgerald spent Sunday with friends at Pomeroy.

Messrs. Frank and Walter Wiewel were in Fonda Sunday morning.

Mr. Richard Carey is now driving an Essex sedan which he purchased last week.

The C. D. of A. society gave their dance last Tuesday, January 19th, and a large crowd attended. Ashley's Orchestra played.

On account of the scarlet fever epidemic, the card party and dance was postponed last Friday evening.

Misses Viola and Dorothy Porath spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Doctor and Mrs. Porath.

Mrs. Ellen O'Brien was a passenger to Albert City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer are the parents of a boy born, Saturday.

Mr. John Griffin received news that his uncle, Mr. Murray from Mapleton, had died. He had been shot by a lunatic and died the following day.

Mr and Mrs. Emmett Fitzgerald are the parents of an 8-lb. boy born Tuesday, Jauary 27th.

The Wiewel Drug Co. has received a large shipment of wall paper.

The Declamatory contest was held Thursday, January 22, in the public school house, instead of the M. E. Church as had been planned, on account of the scarlet fever epidemic. The following took first places: Herbert Hamer with "Fifty Minutes at the Dentist" in the humorous class; LaFoye Crawford with "The Cross of Christ" in the dramatic class and Ella DeVaul with "Lincoln's Address" in the oratorical class. Herbert Hammer took first place over all. Each contestant did well and it was hard to judge which was best. The public speaking teachers of Fonda acted as judge. Quite a number of people attended the contest.

Mr. Frank Wiewel took Mr. Will Kelly to Pocahontas, where he took the train for his home at Rolfe, one day this week.

M. F. Byrne, living 5 iles northeast of Varina, and 8 miles north of Fonda, and 7 miles west and 3 miles south of Pocahontas, will hold a closing out sale on his farm on Monday, February 8th.

FONDA WINS GAME

Fonda Basket Ball Team Defeats Storm Lake Team Tuesday Evening.

Whatever misgiving anyone had about the ability of our local high school basket ball team to put up a good game were dispelled Tuesday evening when they went to Storm Lake and took the big end of a 19 to 17 game. As a result the high school pupils feel considerably better about our prospects for the remainder of the season, and the boys themselves have more confidence in their ability. The team is to be congratulated for the way in which it played, and for having stuck to the game with determination in face of the fact that it has lost every game so far during the season. When we stop to consider the fact that the team is practically a new one, few of the men being experienced, we shall have to admit that it is doing well. We prophesy a number of victories ere the season comes to an end for the boys have now struck their pace and Coach Armstrong's efforts are beginning to bring results.

The floor work of the team at Storm Lake was especially good. Downing showed up fine as a floor man, besides making three field goals and two fouls. Linnan handled the center position in fine shape and shot three field goals and one foul. M. Heflin got one free throw and sunk in a long one that didn't even touch the rings—just a little while before the close of the game. C. Heflin played a good game at forward and registered one free throw. Charles Heller played standing guard and showed that he now knows how to handle that position, as very few men got past him for easy shots. Kruchten substituted for C. Heflin shortly before the close of the game.

A COMING FEAST

The Business Mens' association of this city invited the Pocahontas County Credit Bureau to hold a get-together meeting here the first week in February, and next Tuesday has been selected as the date. All in attendance will have the pleasure of hearing N. H. Nielson of Des Moines and Senator Holdoegel of Rockwell City talk on vital subjects. Mr. Nielson is secretary of the retail merchants' bureau of Des Moines and also President of the National association of retail secretaries. He is well qualified to talk on subjects of marked interest to the business man. Senator Holdoegel needs no introduction to the business men of Pocahontas county. He is a successful business man and farmer and will talk on "The Value of Credit." No member can afford to miss these get-together meetings. Arrengements have been made to serve a dinner at seven o'clock in the K. C. hall. The bureau wishes to extend a special invitation to the wives of the members and feel sure they will enjoy both the meeting and the dinner. The bureau urges that you purchase your tickets from the local director before January 30. See him today. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to let nothing interfere with your attending. The Bureau needs your cooperation, advice and ideas.

The Fonda male quartette will give several numbers during the after dinner program.

OBITUARY

Joseph Keenan, for many years a resident of Fonda, was born in County West Meath, Ireland, November 24, 1863, and died at his home near Varina on January 22, 1925, at the age of 62 years, after a few days illness of scarlet fever. He came to the United States in 1880 and located in Illinois. He was united in marriage to Rose Bayland, at Elkhart, Illinois, where they lived five years, moving to Iowa, where hey have since resided. To this happy union were born ten children, all of whom are living. They are as follows: Thomas, at Mankato; Mrs. Richard Herron at Storm Lake; Will, John and Mrs. Clarence Schanlan at Fonda; Irene, at Sioux City; Chris, Gertrude, Evelyn and Forest at home.

He was also survived by his aged mother and sister at West Meath, Ireland, and a brother in New York, besides a host of relatives and friends who mourn his death. He was a kind and loving father and a devoted member of the Catholic church.

The funeral was held at Fonda, Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, the body being laid at rest in Mount Zion cemetery, the services being in charge of Father McAuliffe of Varina.

NEW REBECCA OFFICERS

On Friday evening of the 16th inst., Rebecca lodge installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Vina Grant, noble grand; Mrs. Hattie Baily, vice-grand; Gussie Bailey, financial secretary; Doll Wykoff, recording secretary; Goldie Schossow, treasurer; May Schultz, chaplin; Lulie Crow, warden; Agnes Hornor, conductor; Lulu Heflin, inside guard; Grace Busby, outside guard. Installing officer, Miss Goodchild of Havelock accompanied by Mrs. Eno, were present.

The Sac Sun of last week published the photographs of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Cory, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. This worthy couple have many acquaintances in Fonda, Mrs. Cory being a cousin of the late Dr. C. R. Whitney.

SPENDING AWAY FROM HOME PUTS WINGS ON YOUR DOLLARS

But Spending Money at Home Is Putting a Mortgage On It To Come Back To You.

Does the money you are spending come back to you?

Are you doing your trading in your home community so it will continue to circulate where you live, or are you sending it away to some distant catalogue or mail order house?

It's the water that goes over the wheel that makes the power—self interest will show you why you receive the most for your "home dollar"—the dollar spent at home—when you remember it takes the coin to make the wheels of home industry move.

If only for selfish reasons, it is important that you do your trading in your own community and with your community merchants.

The dollar you send away is a dollar gone. The dollar you spend at home is a dollar that adds power and production to your home town.

Place your dollars so that they grind out the grist of better advantages for yourself—turn your spending power over the wheel of home industry in patronizing local merchants.

Without successful business institutions a town cannot prosper—and when the town falters the community about loses step.

A town justly looks to its trade territory around for a legitimate tradefield, a support which should be cheerfully given it for mutual protection by its farming community.

On the other hand, the farming community has a right to expect in return a reciprocity of no uncertain character.

That town, that business district, that association of business men which does not secure for the farmer the highest price for his products, a fair margin of profit considered, fails in its first duty to the community.

And besides they are in duty bound to keep for the trade territory's selection and purchase, exercising their best business ability, quality goods, well assorted stocks and reasonable prices. In this Fonda has kept the faith.

Your dollar spent in Fonda benefits you thrice—first in merchandise, second in direct public utility benefits, third in a support of the community that supports you.

Too often the prospective buyer jumps to the conclusion that he can buy more cheaply, and at the same time merchandise of a better grade, in one of the several large commercial centers. But can he?

Before you buy away from home again, remember your neighbor will take better care of you than a stranger. It is to his interest to do so. His future depends on his winning and holding your confidence and friendship.

Besides he's right here in Fonda to make good any mistake.

KILLED BY AN INSANE MAN

A fatal shooting by an insane man wounded two and killed one at Mapleton last Friday night, the fatal shot penetrating the body of Lawrence Murphy, a nephew of John Higgins, of Fonda. It was an unusually sad affair as Mr. Murphy was innocent of provoking trouble, was happily married and leaves two young children, causing endless suffering by the wanton act of a dope fiend. The details of the shooting as related by Mr. Higgins who attended the funeral are about as follows: Mr. Murphy was shot by a fellow named Chapin, an irresponsible dope fiend. Mr. Murphy was returning from a basket ball game at Mapleton, accompanied by three friends, when the three stopped on a street corner discussing the game. A stranger came up and interfered with the conversation and was requested to go on his way. This enraged the fellow and he began shooting, killing Murphy and wounding two of his companions. Mr. Murphy was taken to the hospital at Sioux City, where he was given prompt surgical assistance in vain. The fatal bullet penitrated the lung making a fearful wound. John Higgins received a telegram Saturday announcing the catastrophy, and departed Sunday noon for Salix to attend the funeral which took place Tuesday morning. Lawrence Murphy at one time lived in Fonda when a small boy, later moving to Sioux City with his parents. He frequently visited Fonda and had many personal friends, who learned of his untimely end with deep feeling. He was employed as a telegraph operator at Mapleton, Iowa, where the tragedy occurred. He was a young man liked and respected by all who knew him. He had a genial disposition and was never known to be quarrelsome. He leaves to mourn his untimely loss a devoted wife and two infant children, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Murphy, one sister, Mrs. Robb, and one brother, William. His brother Dan proceeded him in death one year ago. The family has the sincere sympathy of all relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Albert Baskerville and family returned to Fonda Friday from Clinton, Mo., where they had been visiting relatives of Mrs. Baskerville.