

More History of Mexico & Pictures

MEXICO, 57.5 in. (800 alt., 9,053 pop.), seat of Audrain County, combines brick manufacturing and saddle horse breeding, and modernity and tradition. The business district, dominated by the cylindrical clock tower of the courthouse, is the center of town. Radiating from it are the residential streets, with older homes of Classic and ginger-bread design close in, and modern bungalows and Georgian houses farther out.

A majority of the city's workers find employment in the clay refractories plants or with the railroads, three of which—the Wabash, the Chicago & Alton, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy—maintain division shops here. A large number of women are employed in a shoe factory.

The upland prairies of Audrain County were not settled early because of the danger of prairie fires, the difficulty of obtaining wood and water, and the presence of green-head flies. At certain times of the year, the flies made day travel impossible, and even plowing and other farm work had to be done at night. The county was organized in December of 1836, and named for Colonel James H. Audrain (1782-1831), a State legislator from St. Charles County. The present site of Mexico was selected for the county seat in March 1837; it lay in the midst of the so-called Salt River settlement, whose inhabitants were known as Salt River Tigers. The love of fine horses was a tradition among these people; race tracks about 6 feet wide and 600 yards long were laid out on the prairie for regular Saturday afternoon races. When Mexico was platted, Doan's Race Track, which was about two miles north of the town site, was abandoned, and a new track was laid out at the edge of the town.

By the time of the Civil War Mexico had grown into a sprawling county-seat town. Most of the residents wished to preserve the Union, but when forced to choose sides, they supported the Confederacy. Two or three regiments of Federal troops were quartered in the town in the early summer of 1861. The soldiers were badly disciplined and indulged in thievery and vandalism against the residents, until Colonel

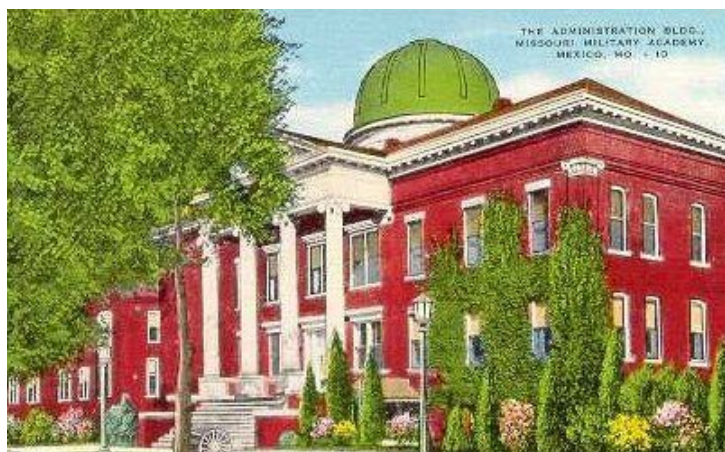
U. S. Grant was put in command of the district. Grant came to Mexico in July of 1861, and immediately ordered the protection of property rights. He also introduced more flexible drill tactics, having found the regulation forms unsatisfactory. It was while he was in Mexico that Grant first learned, through a newspaper, that his name had been recommended for promotion to Brigadier General. Soon after, the promotion was confirmed, and Grant was ordered to Ironton.

After the war, the town resumed its quiet life. By the 1890's, the Lee brothers and other Mexico horsemen had established well-equipped stables. In 1908 the first \$1,000 trotting- and pacing-race stakes and the first \$1,000 and \$1,000 show rings ever offered were inaugurated as a part of the Mexico Fair. Today the great spring and fall saddle-horse auction sales held by the stables attract buyers from all parts of the Nation.

Shortly after 1900, an important deposit of fire clay was discovered directly under the town. Clay refractories were established, and today Mexico is the center of one of the most important fire-clay manufacturing areas in the world. The vein of clay owned by one plant alone has been estimated by the government to be great enough to supply this plant for more than 200 years. Much of the 30,000,000 pounds of freight handled each month in Mexico is composed of fire-clay products.

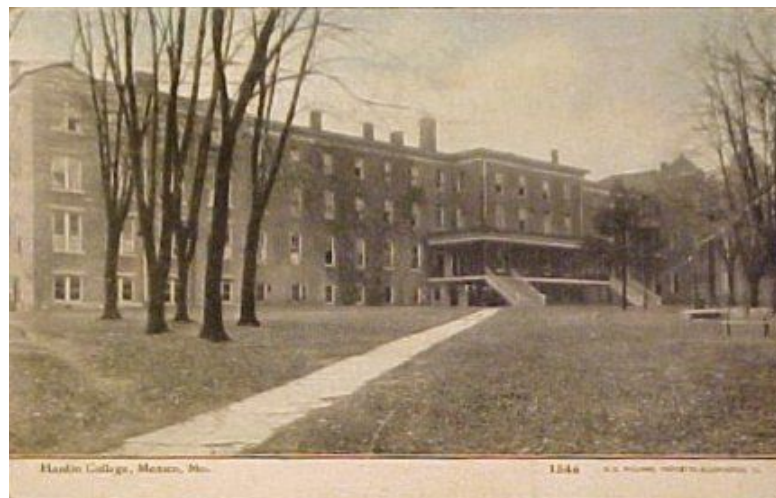
The LEE BROTHERS STABLE (*open*), northwest corner of Webster St. and West Blvd., an extensive, fully equipped establishment for breeding, training, and exhibiting saddle horses, is operated by George and William D. Lee, two of Missouri's most noted horsemen. Beginning with the saddle gelding, Mascot, winner of gelding classes at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, the stable has developed many champions, including Nancy Beloved, which sold for \$22,000 at a Chicago auction.

The JOHN T. HOOK STABLES (*open*), northeast corner of Muldrow St. and West Blvd., is another extensive establishment. Prior to opening these stables in 1935, Hook spent 30 years managing his stables in Paris, Missouri, and the Longview Stables near Kansas City.



The Missouri MILITARY ACADEMY, eastern end of E. Jackson St., is an accredited institution for boys between the ages of 6 and 21. The square, barrack-type brick buildings with white stone trim are centered by the more elaborate administration building—distinguished by a white portico with four white columns and a great dome. The academy was established in 1889 under the direction of Charles H. Hardin, governor of Missouri 1874-76.

The KING'S DAUGHTERS HOME, southeast corner of Webster St. and West Blvd., a two-and-a-half-story, yellow-brick structure, is the home of aged members of the King's Daughters, an international charitable organization established in 1886. The Missouri circle, founded in 1888, is one of the oldest chapters in the United States.



Grouped in a semi-quadrangle beneath large oak trees are the deserted HARDIN COLLEGE BUILDINGS, 1000 S. Jefferson St., where more than 5,000 girls received their education in the period between its founding as the Audrain County Female Seminary in 1858 and the closing of its doors in 1930. The school was renamed in 1873, when Governor Hardin re-endowed it.



THE A. P. GREEN FIRE BRICK COMPANY PLANT (*open 3-4 workdays; guides*), east end of E. Breckenridge St., is one of the largest units of its type in the world. The plant is an extensive group of steel and corrugated-iron buildings, kilns, and sheds. In front of the group, approached by a landscaped drive, is a white-brick office building of Classic design. In the rear are the clay pits and a small lake. The clay, of excellent quality, is scooped from the open pits by steam shovels and hauled to the crusher house in small railway cars. It then passes through an amazingly elaborate system of processing until it reaches the molds and the modern tunnel kilns. Practically every operation, from the digging of the clay to the measuring of "grain size, aging, and testing of finished products, is in charge of engineers. The company maintains a modern laboratory equipped with a self-contained model brick plant. Three types of refractories are made: dry press, stiff mud, and handmade, the last molded in thousands of intricate forms. The molders are men of long experience and have an artisan's pride in their work. Each product is stamped with the name of the molder as well as that of the company. This custom dates back to the days of the guilds; it gives the molders a feeling of responsibility and a pride in

workmanship that people who operate machines cannot experience. The A. P. Green Brick Company, founded by A. P. Green in 1910, and employing approximately 500 persons, has what amounts to a world monopoly on many types of fire-clay products. The Mexico Refractories plant is a similar establishment.



The HAMILTON BLUEGRASS FARMS is one of the outstanding saddle-horse breeding and training stables in the State. A group of long white frame barns, enclosed by corrals and surrounded by rolling bluegrass pastures, are the center of the farm's activity. Here Jim Hamilton and his sons have bred and trained more champions than has any other saddle stable in the vicinity. Among the outstanding stallions have been Lord Highland, Mexico Admire, and Roxy Highland; the last sold for \$27,500. On the front of the sales pavilion is a large portrait in colors of Sweetheart on Parade. Within the pavilion are a show ring and seats for buyers and spectators. Here the farm holds its spring and fall auction sales.

MEXICO

MEXICO, a city and the county-seat of Audrain county, Missouri, U.S.A., N.E. of the center of the state, and about 60 m. N.W. of St Louis. Pop. (1890), 4789; (1900), 5099, including 948 negroes and in foreign-born; (1910), 5939. It is served by the Chicago & Alton, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Wabash railway systems. Mexico is the seat of Hardin College and Conservatory of Music (Baptist, 1873), for young women, an institution founded and endowed by Charles H. Hardin (1820-1892), governor of the state in 1872-1874, and of the Missouri Military Academy (1889). The city is situated in the blue grass region of Missouri, and is a shipping-point for horses and mules. Among the manufactures are flour, shoes and fire-clay products. Mexico was laid out as "New Mexico" in 1836, and became the county-seat under its present name in 1837. It was incorporated as a town in 1855, was entered by the Wabash road in 1858 and by the Alton in 1872, and was first chartered as a city in 1874.

Mexico.-The judicial seat of Audrain County, a city of the third class, located near the center of the county, on the main line of the Chicago & Alton and Wabash Railroads, 110 miles from St. Louis and fifty miles from Jefferson City. It is the northern terminus of the Jefferson City branch of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. The city is delightfully situated on the divide that separates the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and is one of the most elevated points in the county. The site abounds in gently rolling ridges, with pretty valleys, affording splendid natural drainage. The streets are regularly laid out, well graded and macadamized, and beautifully shaded with trees on either side. The original site of the town was entered at the government land office by Rev. Robert C. Mansfield and James H. Smith, who, in April, 1836, laid it out as a town, which they called New Mexico, by which name it was known until it became the county seat. The owners of the town site platted fifty acres into lots, blocks, streets and alleys, and donated to the County of Audrain, for county seat purposes, the public square and each alternate lot of the town for sale, on condition that it be made the county seat. The commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to select a permanent seat of justice accepted the offer of Messrs. Mansfield and Smith, and their selection was approved by the county court. May 4, 1837, an auction sale of town lots was held for the benefit of the county building fund. In the fall of 1836 the owners of the town site held a sale of lots. The first persons to establish a business enterprise in the town were John B. Morris and William White, who, under the firm name of Morris & White, in the fall of 1836, opened a general store on Lot 4, Block 21, of the original town. Soon after Mansfield & Smith opened up a grocery store, and during the years immediately following about half a dozen stores were started. For about twenty years the town enjoyed little prosperity and could boast of only a few hundred inhabitants until May, 1858, when the North Missouri (now Wabash) Railway was completed to it. Then ensued a short era of prosperity. Three years prior the first newspaper in Audrain County was started at Mexico, and was called the "Ledger." The influx of settlers, on account of the building of the railroad, necessitated the starting of a number of business enterprises. March 5, 1855, Mexico was incorporated as a town. Its articles of incorporation were amended in 1856, and again February 17, 1857, when the trustees were authorized to condemn certain properties for street purposes. The town charter of 1855 made the police judge ex-officio justice of the peace, and gave the town council "power to punish any member or other person for disorderly behavior in their presence while sitting as a board," and "to expel a member for disorderly conduct, but shall not expel a member the second time for the same cause." The act also gave the trustees power "to prevent the firing of firearms." These laws were in effect until 1874, when the General Assembly granted Mexico a special charter as a city. It became a city of the third class in March, 1892. Its area is one and three-fourth miles by one and one-half miles, containing 1,680 acres. Like other towns of Missouri, the Civil War retarded its growth, and Mexico did not thrive until some years after its close. The Louisiana & Missouri River Railroad, now the Chicago & Alton, was built to it in 1872. Mexico at the close of the nineteenth century is one of the most progressive and prosperous of the smaller cities of Missouri. It is noted as a healthful residence place and has educational advantages excelled by few cities west of the Mississippi River. It is the seat of Hardin College, which is under control of the Baptist Church, and is one of the largest and best known female schools in Missouri. Also located there is Missouri Military Academy, founded in 1889, destroyed by fire in 1897, and rebuilt through the efforts of the Business Men's Association, in 1900. Under its new managers, Messrs. Yancey & Fonville, the academy is deservedly taking rank with the high class military schools of the West. There are two excellent public schools, all occupying fine buildings, and in addition a school for colored children. There are twelve churches, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, Missionary Baptist, Regular Baptist, Christian, Catholic, Lutheran, German Evangelical and three churches for colored people. The city supports two daily and five weekly papers, and one semi-monthly religious paper. The "Intelligencer" is Democratic, published daily and weekly by C. M. Baskett; the "Ledger," Democratic, is daily and weekly, by R. M. White; the "State Leader" is Prohibitionist, weekly, by C. E. Stokes; the "Messenger," weekly, by John Beal; "The Audrain County Republican," weekly, by V. E. Mendenhall, and the "Regular Baptist," semi-monthly, by Rev. William Huff. The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen, Maccabees, Woodmen of the World, and various other fraternal and benevolent orders have lodges in the city, and there are numerous social clubs and miscellaneous church and charitable societies. The business interests of the city are represented by three banks, two flouring mills, a woolen mill, foundry and machine shops, ice manufacturing plant, brick works, steam laundry, three hotels and numerous small factories and shops, and about 100 stores in the different branches of trade. The city has a good opera house, an electric lighting plant, waterworks and sewerage systems, a well organized fire department, telephone exchange and telephone connections with near by towns, and long distance telephone connections with eastern cities. Its population in 1900 was 5,099.

Contributed by Bart Wise.

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'Happy' Blattner and Miss Brashears Married Tuesday Evening 10:45

William Clifton 'Happy' Blattner and Miss Alice Elizabeth Brashears, were married Tuesday night at 10:45 o'clock by Dr. A. A. Wallace at the Presbyterian parsonage on East Promenade street. The wedding was a quiet affair, only several members of the Welfare Club of which Mr. Blattner has been a member for several years, being present. They left after the ceremony for Kansas City on a honeymoon trip.

Mr. Blattner is owner and manager of the Gem Candy Shop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Blattner, 905 East Promenade street, and is a fine young business man. He is a graduate of McMillan and while attending school there was one of the most popular boys in the student body.

Mrs. Blattner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Brashears of five miles south of this city. Like her husband she is a graduate of the McMillan High School. She is well known here and elsewhere as a charming and an accomplished young woman. Their friends wish them much happiness in their married life.

They will return to Mexico in about a week to make their home.

SOCIETY NEWS

Little Miss Meda Strief entertained with a picture show party Monday and afterwards delicious refreshments were served at Buckners to the following guests: Misses Emily Williams, Hazel Marshall, Martha Straus, Rebecca Strode, Cornelia Jane Timberlake, Mary Brown Jacson, Mildred Timberlake, Mary Rose Swaringer, Josephine Canterbury, Martha Kathryn Johnson, Marjorie Beach and Master Hamilton McKinley, Miss Mary Barks and Miss Mary Hatcher.

Mrs. J.C. Munday was hostess for the '500' Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. A one o'clock luncheon was served to the guests first. Those who just enjoyed the luncheon were Mrs. E.R. Locke, Mrs. D.S. Burroughs, Mrs. Will Lee, and Mrs. Furst and daughter, Miss Furst of San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. J.W. Plunkett and daughter, Miss Trix, returned Tuesday from San Antonio, Tex., where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Brownlee of Toledo, Ohio, who have been the guests of their son, W.F. Brownlee of Farber, were all Mexico visitors Sunday.

Mrs. H.B. Brett was hostess for the F.A.E Club at her home on Woodlawn Friday afternoon. The guests enjoyed bridge and during the afternoon, a lovely buffet luncheon was served to the guests.

The F.E.C. Club met Friday.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Emma McPheeters. The hostesses were Mrs. F.L. Crosby, Mrs. E.F. Elliott and Mrs. J.E. Durkee.

Mrs. Eugene Kent entertained with three tables of '500' Wednesday afternoon and during the afternoon a lovely buffet luncheon was served to the following ladies: Mrs. W.W. Fry, Miss Gertrude Fry, Mrs. A.L. Kredell, Mrs. Monte Norton, Mrs. Chas Claybrook, Mrs. Jack Denser, Mrs. J.E. Strief, Mrs. Ham McKinley, Mrs. William West, Mrs. C.E. Clark, Mrs. J.W. Dry, Mrs. P.H. Gregory, Mrs. C.C. Ogle, Mrs. F.C. Stoltz and Mrs. G.B. Miller

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meyer of Auxvasse were here Wednesday.

Col. M.V. Harrison of McCredie was here Tuesday to attend the sale of Col. J.T. Johnson.

Postmaster W.R. Jackson went to Jefferson City Wednesday to confer with members of the State Board of Agriculture.

Col. R.A. Bradley and Earl Carter attended the Jones Bros. mule sale in Warrensburg last Friday. The top pair of mules sold in the sale for \$1140, it was reported here.

E.L. Alford and C.C. Powell, of Perry, were visitors in Mexico Wednesday.

Miss Allea French and Miss Mary Brown have returned from a visit in St. Louis.

I.L. Rudasill of Molino spent a short time in Mexico Wednesday.

A.J. and H.C. Blattner of Wellsville were visitors in Mexico Wednesday.

H. Brown, of Rush Hill, was registered at the Hotel Hoxsey Thursday.

H.B. Kirk, of Vandalia, was among the many Mexico visitors Thursday.

The condition of Dr. J.F. Harrison, who is a patient in the Augustana Hospital in Chicago, is gradually improving.

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TELLS OF COLDEST MARCH

Editor Johnston, The Intelligencer,
History repeats itself now and then. Fifty-four years ago this month, I was employed on the mail packet running between Cincinnati and Louisville, on the Ohio river. On the sixth day of March the mercury fell to seven degrees below zero. The

Ohio river above Cincinnati froze over, and when it broke up, great cakes of ice floated down in such masses that it required pike poles to ward off the ice, and prevent it from punching holes in our steam boat. This first week of March is the coldest I remember since that time. (Signed) D. W. Butler

Mrs. E.H. Carter went to St. Louis Saturday for a short visit. Rev. C.A. Mitchell filled the pulpit of the Montgomery City Baptist church Sunday.

A.B. Williams, a prominent farmer-stockman of near Benton City, transacted business here the latter part of the week.

Miss Pauline Powell of Moberly, is spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Powell, of east Promenade street.

Mrs. J.E. Martin and father, Mr. Ripley Pearson, left Tuesday night for St. Louis to be at the bedside of F.T. Hatch, who was stricken with apoplexy. Mrs. Hatch is a sister of Mrs. Martin and formerly of this city.

Court House News

Probate Court News

In the estate of Stephen Caldwell, his widow declared to take one half of the real estate.

Inventory and appraisal of the estate of Martin Donnelly was filed Thursday.

The guardian in the estate of Geo. Parish Filed final receipts Friday and the case was discharged from court.

In the Frederick Whitcomb estate Administrator (H)ickley filed report of the sale which was held last week.

In the estate of John H. Hinton, the executor, John Hinton, Jr., filed the inventory and appraisal.

The administrator in the estate of S.C. Foster, filed motion to renew the order to sell the real estate.

The executor of the John O'Brien estate filed an account Tuesday of the sale which was held recently.

In the estate of Frederick Whitcomb, McPheeters Bros. have filed a demand for \$240.15 to cover funeral expenses.

The executor of the J.B. Lewellen estate has filed a corrected final settlement.

The case of W.H. Davidson against Wallace Bybee was on trial Wednesday afternoon. This case was tried last term of the court and the jury was unable to make a decision. It was continued by consent.

In the case of J.W. Galaher et al vs. Jesse Hall et al, a decree was entered in favor of the plaintiff perfecting a title to real estate.

In the case of T.G. Hawkins vs. Unknown Heirs Charles H. Benning et al, a decree was also entered in favor of the plaintiff perfecting title to real estate.

A decree in favor of the plaintiff was entered in the case of A.E. Brown vs. Unknown Heirs of John Scanland et al, on perfect title.

In the case of the Bank of Centralia against George E. Key on note, the plaintiff was given judgment for \$300.

In the cases of J.D. Barton vs. Unknown heirs of Thomas Crouch et al, and Claude C. Leach vs. Pleasant J. Davis et al, the plaintiff were granted a decree perfecting the title of real estate.

The following cases tried in the Audrain County Circuit Court were decided by the St. Louis Court of Appeals this week, as follows: In the case of Rosenthal Sloan Milliner Co. vs. Hanover Fire Ins. Co., the judgment of the court was affirmed. In the case of Attie E. Taylor against R.E. Fuqua, the judgment was reversed and remanded. The judgment of the Court was also reversed in the case of the City of Mexico vs. Emma Gray.

In the case of Jennie Dunham vs. Frank Dunham the plaintiff was granted a divorce on the grounds of non-support and desertion.

A decree was entered in favor of the plaintiff perfecting title of real estate in the case of Joseph G. Laknan against James Lawery.

In the case of Arthur H. Ketter et al, against unknown heirs of Samuel S. Rowe, a decree was entered in favor of the plaintiff perfecting title to real estate. A decree for the plaintiff was also entered in the case of Isaac Lyndan Rudasill vs. George Shivers, et al.

In the case of Benjamin Hill against Veneta Hill, the defendant was granted a divorce on a cross bill. The evidence in the case was to have been heard at nine o'clock Friday morning but on account of a compromise the witnesses were excused. The defendant was given \$1000 of which \$100 was for attorney fees. Among those from Farber and Vandalia who came to Mexico to hear the case were: Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Gray, Mrs. W.H. Verdier, Miss Marie Crow, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and daughter, Miss Florence, Mrs. A. Jacobi, Mrs. E. Giles, Mrs. Dalbert Cantrell, Mrs. Doc Dranstetter, Judge J.D. Sutton, L.W. Depping, Tete Hesse, W.J. Rice, Ed. Amalon, Ed J. Olliver, Leonard Potter, Chas. Tucker, A. Spears, Miss Madalin Hease, Frank Thompson and L. Turner.

A marriage license was issued Saturday afternoon to John L. Shire of this city and Miss Pearl Qualls of Fulton, Mo.

In the case of Earnest E. Hilton against William C. Corcoran, judgement was given the plaintiff who was suing on a note for \$158.40. The jurors in the case were: George Watts, Joe Bartels, Owen A. Adams, P.T. Bruce, M.L. Travis, Will Tally,

Circuit Court News

In the case of A.B. Erisman, against the Wabash railway company, the plaintiff was given judgment for \$727.67 for delay in shipping a carload of stock. The jurors in the case were: F.A. Daniels, Joe Bertels, Harry Lackland, O.A. Adams, P.T. Bruce, O. Montague, F.M. Walker, M.L. Travis, Will Tally, Frank Waters, Elon Dearing and J.F. Strode.

The case of Earnest E. Hilton against William Cororan was on trial Tuesday. The plaintiff is suing on a note.

Marriage licenses were issued Wednesday to the following:

Louis Harold Fuhrer, Benton City, and Miss Hilda Klusman, Mexico, Mo.

Charles H. Johnson, Auxvasse, Mo., and Leota Deardoff, Bachelor, Mo.

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Audrain Hospital Notes

Guy Woodson of Williamsburg who has been a patient in the hospital for the past two weeks, returned to his home Tuesday.
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Alexander Wayt Arbuckle, of Green Brier County, W.Va., and Miss Carrie Botts, of Mexico, were issued a marriage license Tuesday afternoon by recorder, Mrs. Nettie Stephens.

Mrs. Geo. Younger is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Noah Nichols, in Moberly.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Boyd of Auxvasse were Mexico visitors Tuesday.

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Homer S. White, 18 years old, enlisted as a machinist in the United States Navy Tuesday at the local recruiting station. He went to St. Louis Tuesday afternoon to take his final examinations. He will probably be sent to Hampton Roads Training station.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Fred B. Kent, Administrator of the estate of Julia A. Bryan, deceased, will make final settlement of her accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next Term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be holden at Mexico, Mo., in said County, on the 8th day of November, A.D. 1920. FRED B. KENT

Attested by me, this 6th day of October, 1920. BESS WOODS, Clerk of Probate Court.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, S.D. Stocks, Administrator of the estate of J.W. Beatty, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next Term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri to be holden at Mexico, Mo., in said County on the 8th day of November, A.D., 1920. S.D. STOCKS Attested by me, this 6th day of October, 1920 BESS WOODS

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, W.M. Duckworth, administrator of the estate of John F. Truitt, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next Term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be holden at Mexico, Missouri, in said County, on the 8th day of November, A.D., 1920. W.M. DUCKWORTH

Attested by me, this 22nd day of September, 1920. E.A. Shannon, Judge of Probate Court.
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Miss Pearl Barnes of Vandalia was in Mexico a few hours Saturday.
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MORE FINAL SETTLEMENTS: (If you need more info, please e-mail Bart.)

Sula Pilcher, Executrix of the estate of Mark Pilcher.

John Bunch, Administrator of the estate of Pleas Bunch.

Jas. I. Heaton, Administrator of the estate of James Heaton.

Fannie G. Ricketts, Admintratrix of the estate of John T. Ricketts.
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HOUSE ON DEAN BROTHERS FARM DESTROYED BY FIRE

The large house on the Dean Brothers farm, five miles southwest of Mexico on the Mexico-Columbia highway, was destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock Thursday morning. A defective flue was the cause of the fire, it was said. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

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OFFICE FORCE AND JAZZ BAND WELCOME 'BROWNIE' BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Brown, who were married last Friday night in Kansas City, were given a royal welcome by the office force of the A.P Green Fire Brick Company, Monday night on their return to Mexico. The groom himself having been guilty of misdeeds on similar occasions found the revengeful 'army' awaiting him and judging from the celebration that followed, all accounts were squared.

The unlucky, but happy couple, were 'kidnapped' at their home and hurried to the brick plant in an automobile where the crowd and a colored jazz band awaited them. After discordant selections by the dusky musicians, 'Brownie' supported by three sturdy men, made his speech of acceptance and was then driven thru town, accompanied by more music and the unruly crowd.

As a trying climax, 'Brownie' was forced to open his new home 'The Dove Cote' to the revelers, and after ceremonies there they left him trembling on the doorsteps.

His wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Bernice Farley of Long Beach, Calif., stood the ordeal much better than Mr. Brown, but she is reported to have issued instructions against any more night work at the plant.

Mr. and Mrs. George Puls, also newlyweds, participated in the celebration.
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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones returned from St. Louis Tuesday night. They will be domiciled at the Jones residence on South Calhoun street.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Nine divorce cases have been filed with Circuit Clerk E.F. Elliott for the November term of the Audrain County Circuit Court. They are:

Leona Capps vs. John Capps
Ener L. Riley vs. Russell Riley
Earnest Pierce vs. Cora Pierce
Pearl Curray vs. James Curray
Lillian Wingo vs. Emmett Wingo
Anna Hutcherson vs. Joseph Hutcherson
Laura Jeffries vs. Roy Jeffries
Ed E. Jackson vs. Nellie Jackson
John D. Durgridge vs. Ida Burbridge

The following cases to perfect titles to land have also been filed with Mr. Elliott for the November term:

Pearl H. Henke et al vs. Henry Henke et al.
Nettie Stephens vs. Benjamin Ely et al.
J.W. Smith vs. Unknown Heirs, et al.
Alva Black vs. Unknown Heirs.
Elmer Ray et al vs. Samuel Jeffries, et al.
Wallace Bassford vs. Joseph Pearson, et al.
J.H. Lane vs. Unknown Heirs

The case of the State of Missouri against Ed Wilcutt, charged with grand larceny, was filed Monday.

W.D. Fitsgerrell filed a suit against the Walsh Brick Company Monday for damages for personal injuries.

In the case of Dr. F.M. Moore against the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company the jury was unable to reach a decision.

R.O. Ritter was fined \$5 and costs Saturday for speeding.

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Probate Court

In the estate of Amanda M. Sweet, receipts for the Inheritance Tax has been filed.

In the estate of John J. Pulis, a petition was filed Saturday for specific performance of the contract of the sale of the real estate.

E.F. Sheley, colored, was arrested Sunday night, charged with drunkenness. He was arraigned before Judge Weaver Monday morning and fined \$5 and costs.

Get Marriage License -

Otis S. Williams of Audrain County, and Miss Alpha Lena Beshears, of Pike County, were granted a marriage license Friday afternoon by recorder, Mrs. Nettie Stephens.

Statement of Ownership: Gale Johnston swears he is editor. He then swears as to the employees, ownership etc.

Order of Publication: Anna E. Hutcherson vs. Joseph R. Hutcherson

Notice of Final Settlement:

C.T. Skinner, Administrator of the estate of Laura B. Fowler.
F.A. Sannebeck, Administrator of the estate of Katherine Sannebeck.

Letters of Administration upon the estate of John A. Morgan have been granted to Geo. W. Morgan.

Letters testamentary upon the estate of Laura M. McEthiney have been granted to Rosalee Farrah.

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POWELL'S FORD

Another nice rain Sunday afternoon and Monday morning.

Mrs. F.B. Cook's mother was called home on account of her husband's illness in Des Moines, Ia. Mrs Cook went home

with her and spent several days; her father was much better when she returned home.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dudley, October 19th. The baby lived only a few hours, and was buried in the cemetery at Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdett are home after spending several days in Murray, Iowa, with Mr. Burdett's mother and other relatives. They had a splended visit.

We are sorry to hear that people can't get hard coal this winter, but glad that wood is plentiful if labor is scarce.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berry will leave for the convention Thursday and will attend church in St. Louis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Floyd spent Sunday with M.N. Powell and sister.

Mrs. Lewis had her house covered recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodson are entertaining Mrs. Woodson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton, of Shamrock, Callaway County.
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Mrs. Wick Mason has moved to the home of Mrs. Butler Guthrie on Whitley street.

E.F. Hollingsworth of Vandalia made a business visit to this city Wednesday.

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THE INTELLIGENCER, Mexico, Mo., Friday, Nov. 14, 1930 SOCIETY NEWS

Former Mexico Resident is Entertained During Visit Here

Mrs. Robert Nichols of St. Louis and formerly of this city, who has been the guest of Miss Virginia Alexander here, left Friday for her home. During her stay several delightful affairs were given in her honor. On Saturday evening of the past week, Mrs. William Ford invited eight guests in for an evening of bridge. A guest favor was received by Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. L.S. Waterman was awarded the high score favor.

A one o'clock luncheon was given by Mrs. Eugene Kent Wednesday for Mrs. Nichols. Bridge followed the luncheon with favors going to Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. J.F. Jolley.

Last evening Mrs. Nichols was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogt of the Vir-Mar apartments.

Are Hostesses At Luncheon Honoring Mrs. M.A. Bowers

Mrs. W.W. Williams and Mrs. J.N. Livingston were hostesses at a luncheon Thursday at Mrs. Livingston's home, complimentary to Mrs. M.A. Bowers of Omaha, Neb. The guests included: Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. W.G. Burks, Mrs. Blake Smith, Mrs. J.C. Wilkins, Mrs. J.A. Runyan, Mrs. B.B. Bush, Mrs. W.L. Davenport, Mrs. J.G. Livingston, Mrs. Howard Pearson, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. C.C. Hammond, Mrs. T.E. Hook, Mrs. Rolla McIntyre, Mrs. E.S. Cave and Mrs. B.T. Williams.

Hosts At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Hook entertained as dinner guests at their home Tuesday evening, the Reverend and Mrs. Robin Gould, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Durkee, Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Emmons, Mrs. J.D. Randolph and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hook.

Mrs. Robert Clayton of Hannibal, formerly Miss Frances Wakefield of this city is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Wakefield.

Judge and Mrs. W.W. Botts and Miss Virginia Creigh were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Caldwell in Vandalia Sunday.

Misses Mary Leach Carter and Mary Powell are attending the State Teachers convention convening in Kansas City today and tomorrow.

Mrs. Arthur D. Bond spent Friday afternoon in Columbia. She was accompanied home for the week-end by Miss Rosaline Bond, who is attending Missouri University.

Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Lakenan returned Friday from a several weeks' visit in Pueblo, Colo., with relatives.

Mrs. T.E. Hook will hostess to the D.A.A.C. Chapter at 7:30 p.m. Monday at her home, with Mrs. H.P. French of Martinsburg assisting. The Board will meet at 7 o'clock.

Miss Virginia Wheeler arrived Friday to be the week-end guest of Mrs. E. J. Madden.

Mrs. E.M. Morris returned Thursday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Dearing at Brookfield.

Mexico High School PTA will present Susie's Kitchen Cabinet Band Concert Tuesday evening, November 18, Emmons Hall. Tickets 25 cents.

Miscellaneous from page 1.

Captain H.E. Kelly went to Chicago Friday to spend the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. Lucy Wilkins of Laddonia is the guest of M. and Mrs. Sam Torreyson for an extended visit.

Dr. P.E. Coil of this city and Dr. Thomas Roselle of Hannibal are in Louisville, Ky., attending a medical convention.

Billy Van Matre of this city, a Freshman at Westminster College, Fulton, has been named to the first debate squad of the college, and will probably take part in coming contests.

Frank Lee of Vandalia, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lee of this city has sold his shop in Vandalia to George Potter of that city and has gone to St. Louis to reside where he has accepted a position with the Shell Petroleum Co.

C.E. Green returned Thursday night from a trip to Bloomfield, Ia.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY FATHERS ENJOY DINNER TOGETHER HERE

Members of the Mexico Fire Department, Mayor J.F. Jolley and members of the city council enjoyed a chicken dinner at the Jefferson Tea Room Friday night, devoting part of the \$50 proceeds from the city of Centralia for assisting in the recent fire there. Mayor Jolley was toastmaster for the brief informal program that followed. Twenty persons were present, including Mayor Jolley, John Barclay, Ray Pitts, Everett Meng, Tom Rainey, Orlando Worrell, Tom Wooten and Si Sanford of the city council; Joe C. Davis, city clerk; Paul Ekem, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Charles Flittner, chief, Roy Barnett, assistant chief, and George Griffin, Bob Sims, Charles Sims, James Barnett, William Weber, Bob Miller, Champ Lake, and Tom Barnett, of the fire department.

Miss Virginia Lee Garrett of St. Louis, a student of William Woods College, Fulton, is spending the week end with Miss Hazel Guthrie.

AUDRAIN HOSPITAL

R.T. Meeks, of Montgomery City, and Elizabeth A. Roberts, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Roberts, of Bowling Green, were admitted to Audrain Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. John Barclay and daughter, of Mexico, and Mrs. Kenneth Meek, of Bowling Green, were dismissed from Audrain Hospital, Saturday.

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Betty Ann Butler, six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Butler, who has been quite ill with bronchial pneumonia since Wednesday, was somewhat improved Saturday, friends are glad to know.

An intruder at the home of Geo. Pearson and Miss Nina Pearson, took \$5 from the room of Miss Katie Smithy there Wednesday evening. The robbery took place during the prayer meeting hour, when there was no one at home. Entry to the house was made through a window of Miss Smithy's room, and after leaving, the burglar, thoughtfully replaced the screen, though putting it on upside down.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By reason of a default in the payment of indebtedness described in deed of trust executed by GRACE H. BEAGLES and JAMES MONROE BEAGLES, her husband, to the Davis-Wellcome Missouri Mortgage Company, Trustee, dated October 16, 1925, and recorded October 30th, 1925 in Book 56, at Page 116, of the records of Audrain County, Missouri. (Property description is given and is to be sold Monday, December 8th, 1930, at the front door of the courthouse.)

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Mrs. Jack Willing entertained the faculty of the Eugene Field School Wednesday evening at bridge. Miss Alice Adams received the high score favor of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served after the games. Those present were Misses Ann Bledsoe, Alice Adams, Zella Brown, Dorothy White, Hilda Willis, Betty Crockett, Letty Grey Hull, Elizabeth Walstrom, and Mildred Houchins.

Mrs. McKay Kidwell of Auxvasse, was the guest of her daughters, Misses Alcesta and Dorothy Kidwell this week.

Mrs. J.G. Merideth of Moberly was guest this week of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. K.R. Bragg.

Mrs. Abbie Snoddy is in New York for a week's stay.

Mrs. W.W. Fry entertained at dinner Monday evening with covers for Dr. and Mrs. Robin Gould, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Fry, Miss Betty Johnson, Mrs. B.C. Jordan and Miss Annette Jordan.

Miss Martha Ward spent Wednesday night and Thursday in Centralia with Miss Lucy Denham.

Mrs. H.L. Gardner of Kansas City spent the week end in Mexico with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Trimble(sic), Mr. and Mrs. Trumble celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Trumble's grandfather, John Deckard of Iowa, was also a guest upon this occasion.

Miss Elizabeth Parker led the lesson of the Chautauqu Circle this week from Chamberlain's 'Soviet Russia.' Mrs. Fred Peck read a paper prepared by Mrs. W.D. Adams on 'Karl Marx and his Theories'. Mrs. Lester Miller told of 'Unemployment in Russia'. Mrs. Hammond discussed 'Music and Musicians of Russia'. Mrs. H.E. Bensen had charge of the discussion of Current Events on the subject 'The Church in a Changing World.'

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Bond returned home this week from a several weeks trip abroad, to the British Isles and Continental Europe.

Mrs. Eben Price of Minneapolis, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Gibbs, was a guest of honor at a luncheon in Paris, Wednesday given by Miss Emma Buckner. Others from Mexico attending were Mrs. C.R. Gibbs and Mrs. Ellis Davis.

Mrs. R.S. Nichols of St. Louis, was the guest of Mrs. Frank Vogt Monday at the Vir-Mar Apartment.

The country Club Bridge party Tuesday afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Nate Phillip, Mrs. Joe Wilkins and Mrs. Howard Rhodus. Twenty-four guests were present and at the close of the games favors were presented, Mrs. L.M. Gamble and Mrs. Eben Price of Minneapolis. Lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The Fitzhugh Lee Chapter of the U.D.C. met Monday afternoon at the Jefferson Tea Room with Miss Allene Reed, regent, presiding. Mrs. W.D. Adams led the meeting on 'Women of the South'. The chapter voted 100 per cent on the Red Cross drive. Miss Reed announced the following standing committees for the year: Membership, Mrs. John Lane chairman, Mrs. P.E. Coil, Mrs. Silas Sanford and Miss Gussie Simpson; Education, Mrs. E.Y. Burton, chairman, Mrs. Joe F. Luckie, and Mrs. E.A. Shannon; Program, Miss Mildred Glandon, chairman, Miss Emma McPheeters; credentials, Mrs. W.D. Mason, chairman, Miss Lola Powell and Mrs. W.W. Williams; social and courtesy, Mrs. George Kemp, chairman, Mrs. Everett Blackman; Finance, Mrs. Pritchett Hume, chairman, Miss Mamie Dix, Mrs. W.E. West, Mrs. A.P. Johnson, Mrs. F.P. Glass; Nominating, Miss Frances Cunningham, chairman, Mrs. J.B. Quisenberry, reporter, Mrs. W.D. Mason. During the social hour the hostesses, Mrs. Pritchett Hume, Mrs. J.W. Lee, Mrs. M.R. Stubblefield and Mrs. Wm. Pitts served lovely refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hollingsworth are entertaining at dinner this evening with covers for Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Green, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. White and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Fry.

Mrs. J.H. Hickman entertained at dinner Thursday the following guests, Dr. Rehweder, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McGadock of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Hoar and daughter, Betty, of Paris, Mrs. J.H. Goldsberry and four children, Morris, Jr., Margaret, Louis and Bobby, Miss Mildred Boyd and Mrs. Raymond Owen and Miss Hazel Babb.

Miss Anna Margaret Burton entertained at Bridge Friday afternoon for the following guests: Mrs. Rodes Jesse, Mrs. L.A. Cutter, Mrs. Walter Staley, Mrs. H.E. Kelly, Mrs. Alden Brown, Miss Elizabeth Squires, Miss Janice Emmons, Miss Mary Worrell. The high score favor was received by Mrs. Brown. The hostess served a delicious lunch.
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**PIANO PUPILS TO GIVE RECITAL
MRS. CHARLES E. GREEN TO PRESENT PUPILS NEXT FRIDAY EVENING AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WITH
FIFTEEN ON PROGRAM.**

Mrs. Charles E. Green will present fifteen of her piano pupils in recital Friday evening, November 21 at eight o'clock in the Sunday School room of the Christian Church. Their program will include solos and ensemble numbers, using two pianos. Those taking part will be Bernice Chaney, Eileen Wood, Arbelle Jones, Esther Schopp, Mildred Murphy, Virginia Allen, Norma Garrett, Frances Warren Smith, Wilma Nichols, Leona Davidson, Alma Jane Howerton, Paul Green, LaVern Hildebrand of Wellsville, Hattie Dee Heizer of Molino, and Glennadine Byrns of Rush Hill.

The public is cordially invited to attend this recital.
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CHARGES DISMISSED AGAINST T. K. SHELBY

The embezzlement charges against T.K. Shelby of Wellsville, former treasurer of the defunct Commerical Bank of Wellsville, have been dismissed by Judge W.C. Hughes in the Montgomery County circuit court. Mr. Shelby was missing from home for about two months the past spring, the bank closing during his absence.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelling have moved from 538 West Liberty to 533 South Olive.

Miss Evelyn Paul of Los Angeles, was the guest of Mrs. John Paul this week end. Miss Paul, formerly resided here where she has many old friends.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN FOR MRS. NELLIE WALKER

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Nellie Walker, on N. Western Ave., Thursday evening for a surprise party. The occasion was Mrs. Walker's birthday. The table was spread with the good things provided by the guests and a jolly good time was enjoyed by every one present.

At a late hour the guests departed for their respective homes, wishing Mrs. Walker many more happy birthdays.

Those present were Mrs. Nellie Walker, Mrs. Floyd and children, Mrs. Alice Staples, Mrs. Katherine Stapels(sic), Mrs. Mattie Foster, Mrs. E.C. Hayden, Mrs. Mattie Sims, Mrs. Ella Norton, Mrs. Annie Fisher, Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Early, M. and Mrs. Pearl Early and son, Mrs. Lucy Enfield, of St. Louis, Mrs. G.W. Berry, Mrs. Anna Belle Sims and Mrs. May Harisell.

MEN BEAR DOWN ON NIGHT OFFICERS WHEN ASKED TO HALT

Two men, driving fast and recklessly on the wrong side of the street, were called on to halt by Night Police Officers J.R. Pexton and Floyd Bradley, as they approached the intersection of Monroe and Washington streets, in front of the Ledger office Thursday night, but failed to do so, and kept on coming, bearing down on the officers. As the men drove on, Officer Sexton fired on shot at the tires. Later he found the bullet, a .38 special, where it had flattened against the pavement, and is carrying it as a pocket piece. The men have not been apprehended.

CYRUS F. CLARK TO BE 83 YEARS OLD MONDAY

Cyrus F. Clark, well-known pioneer and prominent citizen of Mexico will observe his eighty-third birthday on Monday, and is receiving the best wished of friends, as the occasion nears.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

A car in which Mrs. E.Y. Burton, Mrs. Joy Kistler, Miss Elma Lee Hawthorne and Mrs. Mitchell White were returning from the football game in Columbia Friday afternoon, was forced into the ditch by a road hog shortly after five o'clock between Columbia and Kingdom City. While the occupants of the machine were badly shaken up, only minor injuries were suffered and the machine was not damaged. They were assisted from the ditch by passing motorists.

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SWEezer BOY, 11, IS SEVERELY HURT IN KICK BY HORSE

Boy Injured at Play Saturday and Rushed to Hospital for Emergency Operation—Some Chance for Recovery held out Monday

Virgil Sweezer, the eleven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Sweezer, of 527 West Maple Street, is in a critical condition at the Audrain Hospital, the result of receiving a kick by a horse, according to playmates, while at play on the big Mexico High school campus Saturday.

Taken to the Hospital, an emergency operation was performed Saturday afternoon in an effort to save the boy's life. Physicians found a ruptured spleen and severe internal hemorrhage.

Recovery chances were at first considered very slight, but as some slight improvement was made Monday, the chances for the boy's recovery was held as brighter. The accident was generally regretted. Cleve Sweezer, the father, works for the city's street department.

OBSERVES UNUSUAL SIGHT IN SKY EARLY MONDAY

Henry Bartels, an early riser of the Mexico postoffice staff, observed an unusual sight in the heavens about 4 o'clock Monday morning. A very bright light appeared in the sky, at first like a single, sharp beam, slowly changing form until it was almost circular as it faded out, in about half an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bartels and children, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bonney and son Alvin motored to Pittsfield, Ill., Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ward, Mrs. Bartels uncle and grandmother.

Bradford Brett, who is attending M.U., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Brett on Woodlawn.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Smith, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Jim Diggs, of Laddonia, were Mexico visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Ernest cook of Moberly is visiting her sister, Mrs. J.Q. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buckner have returned to Mexico from Vandalia, where Mrs. Buckner substituted for the commercial teacher in the high school for a time.

Miss Meda Strief was home from Columbia for the weekend. She had as guests Misses Suan Robinson and Helen Huenker, also students at the University.

Miss Billye Buffington spent the weekend in Louisiana visting relatives.

LICENSE TO WED ISSUED TO CENTRALIA FOLKS HERE

A License to wed was issued here Saturday afternoon to Mrs. Carrie Johnson, of Centralia, widow of one of the four men who lost their lives in the Poland oil station crossing wreck more than a year ago, and to Dan W. Stanton, also of Centralia. Their friends join in extending them best wishes.

Miss Virginia Wood Dawson, of Paris, spent the weekend with Miss Elaine Smith

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Audrain Hospital

Mrs. M. Lancaster of Mexico, Mrs. Frank G. Crane of Mexico, William Reynolds of Montgomery City, Charles Gerding of Martinsburg, and Mrs. Perry Cafer of Vandalia, were admitted to Audrain Hospital during the weekend.

Noah M. Schmidt of Jonesburg, Miss Viola G. Cassel of Vandalia, Mrs. Artie Bradley of Centralia, R.P Weeks of Montgomery City and Miss Elizabeth Ann Robertson of Bowling Green, were dismissed from Audrain Hospital during the week end.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fairchild, of Benton City, a daughter at Audrain Hospital Monday morning, November 17th.

Mr. and MRs. O.E. Renfro and daughter, Eleanor, of Kansas City, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F.P Kelso. Mr. Renfro is Mr. Kelso's nephew.

Mrs. H.L. Gardner of Kansas City, has returned to her home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trumble on their fourth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Trumble is Mrs. Gardner's daughter.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Estes, of West Harwood street, a daughter, Anna Pauline, Monday, November 17th.

I.D. Taylor and family, Fred Rosenfeld and Mrs. D. Rosenfeld spent Sunday in Kansas City, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Rosenfeld and family.

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Hugh Dempsey's Hup coupe was slightly damaged by fire Sunday night when it caught fire, near the Jackson and Cole

streets intersection, resulting in a fire department call.

Mrs. Cora Buckley, who has been spending the past few weeks in Middletown, arrived home Saturday.

LEDGER FINDS PONY

Sometime ago W.W. Henderson lost a pony and advertised for it in (the) Ledger. A month and a day after his advertisement appeared the pony was returned home as a result of the ad. Some Ledger subscribers were visiting in a nearby county recently and the family they were guests of said they had a stray pony. The visitors recalled the Ledger ad, looked it up, and sent the address and the result is that Mr. Henderson now has his pony.

Frank Williams of Chicago arrived Saturday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Squires and family and Mrs. Williams, who arrived the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Owens and children of Benton City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Mefford and children of Mexico.

Holly Brewer of Palestine, Texas, is here the guest of his father, John W. Brewer.

Facts about the City of Mexico

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Mexico was founded in 1835 by the Rev. Robert C. Mansfield and James H. Smith. It was part of Monroe County. The formation of Audrain County came a few months after the city's founding.

A.P. Green Co.

A.P. Green bought Mexico Brick & Fire Clay Co. in 1910

Mexico Refractories

J.B. Arthur requested ownership interest in A.P. Green Co. and was refused. He started Mexico Refractories Co. (Mex-R-Co) in 1929. 1940: 300 million bricks being shipped and 450 employees. 787 employees in mid 1950s. In 1959 the company was sold to Kaiser Refractories Co.

Past Theatres

Liberty Theatre

Little Dixie Drive-Inn

Sutton's Palace Airdome: 1909-1914, 220 W. Monroe. Showed outdoor movies and had live vaudeville acts.

Crown Laundry

Founded by Warner W. Williams – he sold it in 1892, bought it back in 1904. The Crown Laundry has been operated by four generations of the Williams family and Crown Linen is the oldest family-owned business in Mexico. The laundry is located at Liberty and Washington Streets since 1909. Originally it was located at 113 S. Washington Street.

Shoe Factory

Established as Morris Shoe Co. in 1905 on West Liberty Street. International Shoe Co. took over operations in 1912. At peak of operations: 440 employees producing 2000 pairs of shoes per day. Moved to Elmwood Drive in 1970. Closed in 1981.

Mexico Schools

School system dates backward to few years after Civil War.

Schools no longer in existence:

South Side, West Breckenridge Street

Central (1873-1928) , West Jackson and Olive Streets

Garfield

McMillan High (1906-), East Monroe St.

St. Brendan High

Hardin College/Hardin Junior High – College established in 1873 with 480,000 endowment from former Gov. Charles Hardin, Mexico resident. Was one of top female schools in Midwest. Served more than 5000 students before closed in 1931 with massive financial problems. Presser Hall, the gym and one of the dormitories were revamped as the Junior High School and was used as such until the present Junior High was built. Mexico Schools are now using the former Junior High School.

Hotels

The Hoxey, South Jefferson Street, destroyed by fire in 1980. Was previously gutted by fire in 1912 and rebuilt.

The Ringo, burned in the famous fire of 1913

Windsor (1880) , Jackson and Clark.

Planters

Air Park , built in 1950 adjacent to the airport. First motel.

Organizations 1880-1959

Kings Daughters Home for Aged Women was dedicated in 1905. Still in operation.

Kiwanis Club

Nexico Business and Professional Women's Club

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

Orpheus Music Club

The Monday Music Club

Abbie Llewellyn Snoddy Music Club

Natural Born Grabbers Club

Elks Club had a convention in Mexico in 1924

Chamber of Commerce

Hospitals 1880-1959

Mexico Hospital, 1913, old Windsor Hotel building at Jackson and Clark. Building later became Hamilton Apts in 1919. Burned in 1930s

Amanda Hospital (generally known as Coil Hospital) Founded in 1918 at 7th E. Jackson and named in honor of Founder Dr. Paul E. Coil's mother. Coil had a practice 1904-1945.

General Hospital, West Love Street, Opened by Dr. H.I. Nesheim in 1940. Existence was attributed to split between MDs and Dos. Closed in 1955.

Audrain Hospital –Only hospital still operating today – cornerstone of first bond-supported hospital in state was laid on March 18, 1918. Remodeled in with a new wing added 1954. The hospital has been remodeled and enlarged several times since then.

Government

City Hall,, Promenade and South Jefferson, 1885-1970

Mexico Library, originally at Washington/Anderson Street, 1913, Much of funding provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation.