

## NEWS FROM NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS

### RURAL ROUTE NO. 2.

Chas. and George Brown's moved their new home last week.

Mrs. G. L. Dutton and daughter, also visited relatives in Cedar Rapids a few days this week.

Leonard Geyer sawed wood last Saturday.

Chas. Beach, traveling salesman of the Monarch Medicine Co., was calling on his customers along this route last Friday.

Joe McClelland and Frank Evans helped Shirley Norris move Monday. They are moving from the Crawford farm to the Aitemus place a mile or west of Wellman.

C. M. Booth has rented his farm east of Fairview to Mr. John Back, Minnesota. He formerly lived in 6th and Keota neighborhoods, but moved to Minnesota about three years ago. He reports lots of snow and cold weather up there this winter.

Mrs. L. E. Fleming and Mrs. F. Rugg attended the all day W. R. meeting in Wellman last Saturday.

M. V. Wagamon and wife were entertained at the Sherm Henderson home last Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Palmer and son, Roy, sat over Sunday in Iowa City.

Quite a few from along this route attended Sunday School and church in Wellman Sunday morning. All speak highly of the new minister.

George Geyer and wife visited with his brother, Leonard, and family a few days. They moved Monday to Mr. Wagamon's farm east of Wellman, which will vacate.

C. M. Booth and G. L. Dutton are both getting out saw logs from John Ray's timber for new barns which they will build this summer.

Will Wagamon and wife moved to their new home Monday.

Joe McClelland sawed wood Monday afternoon. They also entertained the Frank Evans children while Frank and wife assisted the Norris family with their moving.

They were indeed sorry to hear of the fire which destroyed the home of Mr. McDowell and family Monday night. They have the sympathy of everyone.

G. L. Dutton delivered two loads of porkers to Wellman buyers Tuesday.

The farmers' union met at the Bunker Hill school house Monday night. It now has a membership of 5, which is pretty good for one week's work.

Thursday for a visit with friends on Yankee Lane. He can tell many interesting things about soldier life on the border.

Lulu Moffit and Wayne Popham have been sick with the measles the past week.

Mrs. Popham and Flora are spending the week at Clarence Humphrey's.

Glen Bucher and wife and Leo spent Thursday at Will Long's.

Stella Netser helped Mrs. Bruce Patterson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hazard spent Sunday at W. F. Hogan's.

Herbert Carter and family and Wallace Carter and family have moved to the Grimes and Gaffney farms.

Mrs. S. K. Johnson spent Thursday at W. J. Popham's.

Mrs. Harrison Wade and Francis spent a few days at the Weimer home.

S. K. Johnson and wife spent Sunday p. m. at Bruce Patterson's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Popham and Thelma, Mrs. Popham and Flora, of Wellman, Mrs. Clarence Humphrey and Lloyd spent Tuesday at Tom Johnson's in Williamsburg.

W. F. Hogan and S. K. Johnson are in Marengo this week, courting.

**BRUSH.**

Brush school closes this Wednesday with a program.

Miss Viola Hershberger and Miss Mary Yoder visited Brush school on Monday.

Lewis Bender's are moving to their farm north of Kalona this week.

The George Eash family and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yoder were Sunday visitors at W. F. Gingerich's.

Will Schrock's, Sam Steckley's, Dave Albright and Lizzie Hochstetler were Sunday visitors at J. P. Miller's.

R. C. Shaver went to Hannibal, Mo on business last Monday.

D. B. Swartzendruber and Marion Erb were Iowa City visitors on Monday.

Earl Fry is cutting logs for a new barn.

Miss Sadie Yoder spent Saturday night at Sanford Yoder's.

Emery Hofer is working for Henry Yoder.

Mrs. Earl Fry and children spent several days with her parents in Iowa City.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

The basket ball game between What Cheer H. S. and Wellman H. S. last Friday night proved a victory for the Wellman team by a score of 28 to 10. Both teams exhibited a clean, speedy contest, and, although the odds were against What Cheer, her boys never relaxed in their fight.

Rumors are about that the Seniors have decided their class play.

Last week was a studious one for the pupils, as tests were the dominant features of the program.

Miss Folger, the 5th and 6th grade teacher, was called to her home in Washington last Wednesday on account of the sudden illness of her mother. Miss Long substituted during her absence.

The German class are now interested in Gerstacker's delightful work, "Germelshausen."

The Juniors have commenced the study of Milton's "minor poems." Perhaps it would be better stated commenced the translation.

The talk concerning the events of the day was ably given by Miss Whiteford. She spoke of the development of the submarine warfare and our present relation with Germany.

Mr. Bolles (in Gen. Science)—"Carroll, what is another illustration of this type of lever?" Carroll—"A lemon squeezer."

The question, "name five great musicians," was given by Miss Forbes in a grade music exam. One answer read as follows: "Miss Forbes, Miss Turnipseed, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Snavelly and Schumann Hike (Heink)." In Civics class Lloyd asked, "what is the difference between a general staff and an army corps?"

The Juniors bewail the fact that for unknown reasons an entertainment expected from the Freshmen has not appeared.

"Those Colors."

They are higher up than you or I, But not quite as high as a bird can fly;

The Junior bunch just talk and frown, Because they can't get those Sen-

**YANKEE LANE.**

George Carnes, of the 3rd Iowa regiment, who has been at Brownsville, Texas, for the past eight months, came up from Ottumwa Sat-

### TAKES CARBOLIC ACID.

Charles Sommers, aged fifty years, one of the most prominent and well-to-do farmers in the community, committed Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at his home near Kalona, by drinking carbolie acid.

Mr Sommers had been ill for about two years. While he had been able to be up and about during that period, he suffered from a complication of ailments which left him in a greatly weakened condition. For the past few weeks Mr Sommers had been noticeably despondent. His mother's death which occurred a few months ago, is also believed to have preyed upon his mind.

The suicide was evidently carefully planned by Mr. Sommers who carried out his fatal deed in the absence of his wife.

**Gets Deadly Drug.**

Yesterday afternoon Mr Sommers went to the basement of his barn and secured the carbolie acid. He kept it on his person over night without letting anybody know his intentions and chose this morning as the time to drink the deadly drug.

Mrs. Sommers had gone to the barn to do some chores at about 10 o'clock, and during her absence Mr Sommers drank a large quantity of the carbolie acid.

On her return to the house Mrs Sommers found her husband dead. Coroner C. A. Murphy, of Iowa City, was notified and he issued a burial permit, finding it not necessary to make the trip to Kalona, as the evidence was conclusive that the man had committed suicide.

Mr Sommers is survived by a wife and three daughters, Mrs Gertrude Stumpf, who resides near the Sommers residence, and Misses Ruth, aged 16, and Nettie, aged 7.

**Born on Same Farm.**

Mr Sommers was born and raised on the farm where he committed suicide, and was the son of John and Barbara Sommers.

Recently Mr Sommers had rented his farm to a man by the name of William White, who had already moved to the place. Mr. Sommers had told his neighbors that he intended moving to Kalona. The only reason that his relatives can ascribe to the cause for his suicide is ill health.

### ANOTHER PIONEER ANSWERS FINAL SUMMONS

**HENRY ECKHARDT, SR., PASSES AWAY AT THE HOME OF HIS DAUGHTER, MRS. FRED HERR.**

Henry Eckhardt, Sr. was born in the Province of Hesse, Germany, April 28, 1831, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Herr, in Wellman, Iowa, at the ripe old age of 85 years 10 months and 8 days.

The family from which he came is an old one, tracing back its interesting history nearly three hundred years to the Fulda River Valley, Hesse Nassau, Prussia.

Mr Eckhardt came to the United States in 1852, stopping for a time in Pennsylvania, and then coming to Ohio, where he was united in marriage to Catherine Semler in 1853. They lived in Ohio until 1861, when they moved to Greene township, Iowa county, Iowa, where they lived until 1902. At this date they moved to a small farm south of town, living there until the death of his wife in 1907. Mr Eckhardt then moved to Wellman, where he lived alone until about six months ago, when he went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Herr, to be cared for in his feeble old age.

To the above union were born ten children—five boys and five girls—all of whom are living except the oldest, Mrs. Elizabeth Wetrich, who died in 1911. The nine surviving are Charles, Mrs. Mary Von Hoen, Mrs. Anna Herr, Mrs. Tillie Smelzer, Henry, Jr., Mrs. Louise Shaffer, of Kinross, George, John and Will. These, with twenty-nine grand children and twelve great grand-children, and many other relatives and friends live to mourn the departure of their loved one.

Mr Eckhardt had been a member of the German-Methodist church almost since the days that he came to Iowa. He was a good neighbor, a kind parent, and true friend.

Funeral services were held from the Wellman M. E. church Wednesday, March 7, at one o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. Barker.

Interment in the Wellman cemetery.

### RESIDENCE FOR RENT.

My house, consisting of eleven rooms, is for rent. Possession given first of April. If you want to take in roomers here is your chance.

J. N. GARDNER

### K. of P. NOTICE.

Work in the rank of Knight tomorrow (Friday) night. A large attendance is desired.

L. E. MAPLETHORPE, Chancellor Commander

### EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Full-blood Banded Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching for sale.

34pd MRS. ARTHUR SPEAR.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. L. E. Gardner is an Iowa City visitor today.

B. N. Jessen went to Davenport on business this morning.

Oscar Shiller is attending the automobile show in Muscatine today.

Jonas Miller, of Kalona spent a couple of days this week with his son, Elmer, and family.

The W. H. M. S. will meet with Mrs. T. D. Adams Wednesday, March 14. All ladies invited to attend.

Glen Wahl has ordered his Advance sent to Lone Tree instead of Kalona. He will run a feed store there.

Mrs. C. Ruegsegger is attending the funeral of Charles Sommers at Kalona to-day. The two families were friends of long standing.

Twin girls, weighing 9 and 6 lbs., were born to Mr and Mrs Elwin Lewis, who moved to the C. C. Hull farm, northeast of town, recently.

The W. F. M. S. will hold its annual Thank-offering service Sunday morning, March 18. Will the friends and members of the Society pray that the offering will be worthy of Him in whose name it will be taken.

It was with sincere regret that we learned of the fact that J. M. Findley and family are soon to leave Wellman. He has resigned his position with the Wellman Lumber Yard to take effect March 23. He has several good positions offered him, but has not yet decided on which one he will accept. The Findley family are fine folks, and they have a host of friends who will sincerely regret their removal from Wellman.

R. E. Schultzy's free motion picture show and lecture by the Overland company's representative, Mr. C. D. Adams, at the Majestic last Friday night, was well attended, in fact, standing room was at a premium. The Overland factory, the Knight motor and a trip up Pike's Peak by an Overland touring car were especially interesting. It was a good advertising stunt, and should be the means of making many new friends for the Overland car.

The town council has purchased a new road oiler, and it is expected here any day. It cost nearly \$700, but since road oiling has come into custom and we cannot now get along without it and keep up with the times, we believe the council acted wisely in purchasing something with which to do the work properly. What we need now is a storage place for the oil, so it can be used at will. Without it we must do all the oiling at once or be compelled to pay the railroad company demurrage which comes pretty high.

In the death of our good old friend, Henry Eckhardt, Sr., the Advance family feel that they have sustained a personal loss. For over eight years he has been our next door neighbor, and always proved himself all that that term implies. He had a friendly disposition and a just and happy philosophy of life, which was contagious to those with whom he came in contact. He was a splendid type of the good old emigrant stock who have done their share toward developing our country, and had many virtues that his descendants can afford to prize and emulate.

We recently visited J. W. Oldaker's new grocery store and found everything in the proverbial apple pie order. The store room has been renovated and made as absolutely fresh and antiseptic, as paint and varnish can make it. We found Mr. and Mrs. Oldaker and Ceell behind the counters ready to dispense the choice line of goods they handle. They are making a specialty of the famous Richelleu canned goods which embrace not only all varieties of fruits and vegetables, but catsups and relishes of all sorts, mayonaisse dressing, etc. They also carry several other brands of canned stuff. Their dried fruits and all bulk goods are securely protected in glass cases and present a very neat and appetizing appearance. In the front of the store a comfortable rest room has been arranged for the friends and patrons of the store; also a clean, new toilette room for the use of ladies and children, giving a much needed convenience to waiting customers. Everything looks promising for a bright future for this store, and we believe it will be realized if cleanliness, good values and fair treatment will do it. Mr. Oldaker has joined the Advance family of advertisers and every week he will tell you something about the new store. Read it.

### THE PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

was held as announced, and was a very successful meeting. We are not good at estimating a crowd, but suppose there were nearly one hundred people there, all interested in school work. Mrs. Miller presided as chairman and the program opened with a piano duet by Marcia and Helen Coffey, who played Beethoven's Menuet in G. Rev. Barker gave the invocation and Prof. Prentice in a very able manner welcomed the crowd and introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. Stewart, who pleased and edified his listeners with quite an address on the service of the teacher as a community asset. (These are not the exact words of the Dr.'s title, but contain the gist of it.) At the close of his discourse, a social, get-acquainted hour was enjoyed during which the orchestra played several selections. Then all repaired to the main hall on first floor, where the domestic science girls, in charge of their able teacher, Miss Forbes, served refreshments.

These meetings are good for all concerned, and we enthusiastically say, let the good work go on.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Independent School District of Wellman, in the county of Washington, State of Iowa, that the annual meeting of said district will be held at the City Hall on the 12th day of March, 1917, at 1 o'clock P. M., and closing at 6 o'clock P. M. A director will be chosen for a term of three years to succeed E. I. Coffey, and one for three years to succeed A. J. Sanders, and one for one year to succeed W. N. Shaw. The meeting will be open for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

L. S. BRADFORD, Secretary.

### FARM HOUSE BURNED

**RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. E. E. McDOWELL IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.**

Last Monday evening, about seven o'clock, fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the farm home of Mr and Mrs Emmet McDowell, who reside 2 1/4 miles west of Wellman. They smelled pine burning, and went upstairs to investigate and found the upstairs ablaze and under too much headway to control, so they wasted no time in fighting the fire, but set to work to remove their household goods. They succeeded in removing most of the things down stairs, but could do nothing further. Everything upstairs including all their bedding, and everything down cellar including all their fruit, vegetables and meat was destroyed.

The house and contents were insured in the Washington County Mutual, but the amount of insurance they carried is not known at this time, as the policy was among the articles consumed. The Mutual Co.'s records at Washington will tell, however, and Mr and Mrs McDowell will get all the insurance they were paying for. But, of course, they will have a loss to suffer. They will find from time to time in the future that things were destroyed which they cannot now think of.

The McDowell family had recently sold their farm to George Longwell, but the transfer had not yet taken place. Since the fire they have been staying at the George Longwell home.

**A GOOD AFTERNOON'S WORK.**

The W. C. T. U. met with Dr. Nanette Barker last Tuesday afternoon and held a very pleasant and profitable meeting. Quite a lengthy business session was held, during which various superintendents reported. Mrs. Mellecker, superintendent of franchise, gave a very encouraging report in regard to her department. Indiana has now gained suffrage government, making the fifteenth state. Women now have 135 electoral votes, a force that compels recognition.

Mrs. Miller reported the parent-teacher meeting (reported elsewhere in these columns) which was held under the auspices of the Mothers' department.

Mrs. Wells gave a splendid report of relief work among the needy of the town.

Mrs. C. C. Gardner, as chairman of the civic department, reported plans for a historic, patriotic pageant to be held about May 1st to raise money for civic improvement work. She also reported that a prize of ten dollars would be offered to the boy building the best bird house and naming the most birds and trees. This contest will be open to all school boys under fifteen years of age, and all the details will be later explained at school by Mrs. Wells, who has charge of the contest. Mrs. Gardner also reported a number of plans regarding cleaning up and beautifying the town which will be published later.

The civic department reported that Mayor Glasgow, of Washington, would give an address here in the near future on "Community Upbuilding and City Betterment."

These good reports were all enthusiastically received.

A communication was read from Mrs. Lucy Morgan, county president, regarding county work. Also from state dairy and food commission, and one from library commission, urging that the Union endorse a continuance and enforcement of these departments. This endorsement was unanimously given and the secretary instructed to write our congressman and senator to that effect.

"Health Week" was reported as duly observed.

Five yearly subscriptions to the "Union Signal" were reported as given out by the Union as follows: One copy to the free public library, one copy to the school library, one copy to Mr. Barker, the M. E. minister, and one copy to Mrs. Coffey, press correspondent, and one copy reserved for general circulation among the members who do not take magazine.

At the close of the business session, a round table on Peace and Arbitration was conducted. Devotionals were led by Mrs. J. W. Oldaker, and at the close of the lesson Mrs. Isabelle Hull read a biographical sketch of Neal Dow, "The Father of Prohibition," whose birthday occurs March 20.

It may easily be seen from the foregoing report that the Wellman W. C. T. U. is striving to live up to its watchword, agitate and educate.

### YANKEE LANE.

George Carnes, of the 3rd Iowa regiment, who has been at Brownsville, Texas, for the past eight months, came up from Ottumwa Sat-