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FAMILY GATHERING HELD AT RANDALIA

RANDALIA.—A gathering of the members of the Dickman family was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butts Monday, honoring Lorenzo Dickman of Ruskin, Fla., who came last Saturday evening, together with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dickman and daughter, Susan, of Monroe, Iowa.

Other guests present were: Adam Ritchie and daughter, Florence, of Fayette; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Baker and five children and Mrs. Irve Wilkins of Westgate; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickman and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Farrand of Sumner, and Mrs. L. A. Butts of Maynard.

Mrs. Ray Grant spent the past week with her parents at Greenfield, Ill. Mrs. A. L. Spatcher and daughter, Mrs. K. H. Adams, of Newton motored to Janesville, Wis., Wednesday to spend a few days in the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. T. H. Goodman.

Miss Ardis Spatcher, who has been attending business college there, will return with them for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brush and family motored Sunday to Manchester, where they met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manzo Smith, and her two aunts, Mrs. Ella Rogers and Miss Lizzie Ly-one, all of Maquoketa. They enjoyed picnic dinner at the park and spent the day there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wolfe spent Sunday at Charles City, where they visited her grandmother, who is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Talcott and Mrs. George Brown went to West Union Wednesday afternoon, where the ladies attended the opening of Marlon Gee's museum.

Royden Bacon is spending a week with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Knight, before attending summer school, beginning June 13 at Drake University. Hearts of Center 4-H girls held practice meeting with Bethel Ever Ready club girls Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Art Eitel.

Randalia won 4-0 in a game of kittenball with Spring Fountain Sunday afternoon, west and south of Sumner. Supt. and Mrs. Donald Palmer, Monday, took Margie Edmonds and Robert Owen to Iowa City, where the two latter were to take the "Brain" test, Margie taking "English" and Robert taking "General Science."

Robert Crawford, who was taken to Iowa City several weeks ago, to receive treatment for a leg injured while playing ball, was removed to the Fayette county farm recently. He is getting along as well as can be expected. Shirley Butts accompanied her grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Butts, to Leon for a week's visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peter and baby of Cedar Rapids were Monday visitors in the home of Mrs. Jessie Mabon. Wednesday, June 1, 45 Fayette county 4-H boys went on a stock judging tour. They visited the Fayette county farm, the W. H. Turner farm near Fayette and the H. A. Mabon farm, receiving instructions in the judging of cattle and hogs.

A colt was killed by lightning Wednesday night at the Charles and Wesley farm northeast of Randallia. Miss Jo Ann Severson of Sioux City came last week to visit Mrs. Mayme Severson until July 4th. Mrs. J. W. Frye, Loraine and Robert, and Mrs. Charlotte Vaughn, left Tuesday for Ludington, Mich., to spend ten days with relatives. Misses Gladys Talcott and Shirley Edel accompanied them as far as Barrington, Ill. to visit in the Charles and Wesley Talcott and Gerald Davis homes.

Mrs. A. J. Vaughn has been on the sick list the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shepard of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Lillian Burgess and Welcome Wenrick of West Union were Decoration Day visitors in the Mrs. Nettie Hoekert and Delbert Robb home.

The Merry Maid Sunday school class and their teachers, Mrs. J. W. Frye, will be together at the L. A. S. and friends at a social afternoon, June 15. There will be a program arranged by the girls, after which each girl will serve, at a table arranged by herself, their mothers and friends. Every lady in the community is cordially invited. Harry Arthur of Nevada, Iowa, came the last of the week to spend the summer in the parental H. L. Arthur home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williamson of Omaha visited in the N. L. Watt home Monday. Mrs. C. P. Bowen of Chicago and Mrs. Estella Odekirk were Friday visitors at Herman Hoepfner's. Thirteen members of the Happy Time club enjoyed a picnic Sunday at the park in Sumner.

La Vern Benz of Cedar Falls came Monday to spend the summer in the parental Edwin Benz home. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zumbrota, Minn., spent the week end visiting in the B. S. and George Brown homes; also with relatives in Oelwein and West Union. Mrs. Guy Hathaway and daughter, Ruth, of Calmar, and Mrs. Clifford Stensbol of Waterloo visited in the N. L. Watt home Saturday. Mrs. Lou Hoepfner and daughter, Hazel, of Newhall were Monday supper guests in the Herman Hoepfner home. Mrs. Victor Block and son, Richard, of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Mary Will-

MAYNARD BUDGET OF NEWS FOR A WEEK

MAYNARD.—Helping Hand society met June 1 with Mrs. Nick Samuelson. The lunch committee were Mrs. Nellie Cummings, Mrs. Julius Bartels and Mrs. Samuelson.

Ladies' cemetery association met Friday at the home of Mrs. A. L. Evans. Miss Maye Gilley, Dr. Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wolfe of Detroit, Mich., visited over the week end in the Oscar Gilley home.

Mrs. B. A. and C. C. Hall and daughter, Rozilla, visited Dr. Hall's father in Arkansas last week. They returned home Saturday. Mrs. Walter Jellings gave a birthday party June 3 for her little daughter, Ella June. She received many pretty gifts and the little folks had a fine time.

Central States workmen have been busy here this week installing outdoor meter cases. Miss Doris Kappmeyer has been visiting Mrs. Charles Abel in Oelwein the past week. Burdeen Carley had a siege of ear trouble the first of the week.

Morris Lennon is still very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sykes went to Bellevue, Ill., over the week end to visit her sister. They had a reunion with other relatives at that place. Mrs. John Sider entertained a number of little folks in honor of the 6th birthday anniversary of her daughter, Sally.

Mary Lou Barnes went to West Union Sunday morning, to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. Mark Schatz. The American Legion Posts of Iowa are sponsoring an event called the "Boys' State" to be held at Camp Dodge the week of June 12 to 19. The committee here chose Jack Foss to attend the event.

All members of the Ada Reading Circle, remember the all day meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hitchings near Hazelton, June 17. Those who take cars and those who do not have a way to go, please notify the president, Mrs. L. D. Rowley, so that way may be provided for all who wish to go.

Marcus Pace was happily surprised on his birthday by a number of his young friends coming in to spend the evening. Ice cream and cake were served. The L. A. S. of the M. E. church honored Miss Maye Smith at a pre-nuptial shower at the home of Mrs. Georgia Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Guritz, Margaret and Jimmy attended the H. S. graduation of Miss Margaret Jones at West-ster City Friday evening. They returned home Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Stewart and daughter, Marlan, of Maquoketa visited over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Wrigst of Waterloo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilley. Mr. and Mrs. John Potts of Oelwein and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potts of Arlington were callers Sunday in the George Potts home.

Children's Day will be observed at the Presbyterian church, June 12. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin and son, John, of Newton came Sunday and visited until Monday p. m. with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Surtus, and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goldsberry of Minneapolis, Minn., visited his cousin, Mrs. Arnold Hahn, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Schrader were at Waverly Friday morning. Their daughter, Gladys, graduated from the 2-year normal course at Wartburg college. She returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Moen of Knoxville visited over Sunday in the J. W. Ranney home. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alton of Oelwein were Sunday guests in the Frank Schmitt home. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thiele were at Cedar Rapids Tuesday to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Thiele's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Menges.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Borchers quietly observed their 51st wedding anniversary at their home May 31. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bueneke of Cedar Rapids visited the first of the week in the Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas home. Sunnyside Masonic lodge held a special meeting Saturday evening and conferred the third degree on J. W. Judas.

Master Curtis Smith of Chicago, who is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmitt, had the misfortune to fall and break his arm recently. Mr. and Mrs. George Potts moved here last Tuesday from Oelwein. They recently purchased the home of the late Mrs. Emmert Hall. Mrs. Marguerite Snyder of Waukegan, Ill., visited over Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Simson.

Friends extend sympathy to Fred Shelton in the passing of his father at St. Morgan, Colo., at the age of 88. John Prickett is in Illinois where he has employment. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gibbs of St. Paul called on Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rowley and Mrs. Etta Blug Sunday. A farewell party was held for Raymond Kelly, Friday evening, at the Wilbur Carley home, before his departure for his home in Riceon, Can.

Mr. and Mrs. John Troxell are enjoying a visit from his parents from Muscatine this week. A gathering of relatives was held at the home of Mrs. E. F. Warnke and son, Gerald, last Sunday p. m. honoring house guests, Mrs. Maggie Hummel, and four children of Hartsburg, Ill. A pleasant time was enjoyed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nauholtz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nauholtz, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Long of Sumner, Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Mische and family of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. George Warnke of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kaufman and family from West Union, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Meyers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warnke and Miss Ruth of Maynard.

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CHATS WITH OLD TIMERS

By O. W. STEVENSON

Mrs. Fannie Coleman Holmes writes a letter from Oelwein, Iowa, from from which I will quote on several different points. Dead Man's Gulch "I believe I can give some information as it was told to me many years ago by Jule Dennis, who formerly owned the Cole's mill and the farm my father later owned. Dead Man's Gulch is now called Orr's Ford and is north of the old Cole's mill site. Jule Dennis told the story this way: The man found dead in the gulch was a peddler, selling spectacles, I believe, and his body was found by hunters or trappers. It was never identified or claimed by anyone."

"Does anybody know as to when this happened? O. W. S.) Cole's Inn and Mill "It might also be of interest to mention that the old house on Cole's farm (in which the Coleman family lived, O. W. S.) now owned by Grant Dean was built for the purpose of housing the workmen at the mill. Its front was to the north and it was called Cole's Inn. I never heard of the man being drowned in the mill stream but later a child's body was found there by fishermen."

An Indian Camp "On the hillside, east of the old Cole house was a famous Indian camp. Many flints, arrows and tomahawks have been found there, even after my father owned the land." Was Cole's Mill, Not Toles Mill Several, including R. W. Hunt, whom I have formerly quoted on the point, assure me now that the saw mill established near Big Rock in a very early date was Cole's mill and not Toles mill. Some ruins of the old buttments for the dam may still be seen on the west side of the river northwest of Big Rock. Can anybody furnish me with any information about the Cole who operated that mill? Or about who else ever operated it?

The Old Stone Plow Shop No doubt many have noticed the "old stone barn" east of and close to the paving on the West Union road as you drive thru "Canada," as that part of Fayette north of the river is called. It is south of the Waldo Walker stone residence. In recent years it has often been used as a barn but it was never built or intended for such purposes.

Asa Walker, who was Waldo's grandfather, erected that building (beside the stone house) and in it conducted a plow shop and blacksmith shop in very early days. I suppose it was one of Fayette's first important industries. In a county plat book for 1879 the building is still designated as a "plow shop."

I have heard a rumor that the old stone shop may be wrecked because the woodwork in it is getting so old and rotten. Values in Old Things Fayette some day will be an older place than New England towns are now. It is the gateway to one of the most scenic areas in the great Mississippi valley, an area probably destined to grow in value as a tourist and resort section. Perhaps Fayette cannot save any of its such old places as investments for the future.

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1935, we found that one of the popular eating places was the lot on which stood a shop, and there grew the spreading chestnut tree under which "the village smithy stood."

In New England in such a place as this "Old Plow Shop" somebody would try to run a summer wayside station. They might sell flowers, pottery, baskets, or other handcraft products; they might serve tea or lunches; they might collect old curios for display to add a historic interest and help draw business. Even an old blacksmith shop will soon be a curio, there would be some interesting sort of a sign out that would arrest the attention of the tourist, even on a busy thoroughfare.

Stories About the Plow Shop Jerome Walker, the last living son of "Old Asa," wrote and published a song many years ago about Fayette or this old home place. I think he called it "Memories" — something of that kind. I wonder if he would write us a letter now about the history of that old building, and the man who labored there, and his business. And I wonder if someone could devise a plan to keep that old stone landmark, and use it for a more attractive purpose.

Perhaps somebody else can also tell us something about Asa Walker and his plow shop. We must credit this one to a certain mailman in the city of Prairie du Chien, because he gets so much del