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which has been torn down, was built of logs by James Weldon, one of Mercer County's earliest settlers about 1843 and was occupied by his son-in-law, Alfred Boxley, from 1857 until 1895 when it was purchased by Elijah Wright, father of the present owners (Post-Telegraph photo).

Drawings Stopped Until Next Fall

First prize of \$25 in the Cash Day drawing last Saturday afternoon, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, went to Mrs. Silvia Moore of Princeton.

The second prize of \$15 was drawn by Arthur Fowler, Princeton, and the third prize of \$10 went to Mrs. Ezra Overton, of Princeton.

Last Saturday's drawing was the last in the series. It is the plan of the Chamber of Commerce to resume the drawings next fall. Cash Day was discontinued because farmers are busy and many are unable to come to Princeton on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Laura Gray, Of Ravanna, Dies

Mrs. Laura M. Gray, 79, of Ravanna, died Tuesday morning at her home. Funeral services were held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night at the Moss Funeral Home and were conducted by the Rev. William Bruner. Burial was in the cemetery at Peabody, Kans. Mrs. Gray was born in Mercer County April 10, 1880, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Linn. Her husband, Charles Gray, died several years ago. Mrs. Gray was a member of the Ravanna Christian church.

Surviving are one brother, Tom Linn, of Mercer, and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Stratton of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Nellie Hunter of Hillsboro, Ore.



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Fireworks Conce

For the first time in the history of the county will be celebrated the centennial of the business of the Chamber of Commerce at the old fair grounds.

Although the celebration lacks none of the excitement and a large crowd is expected. The celebration will be held at the Chamber of Commerce. In the program will be

Saturday afternoon 7 o'clock at the Princeton's 67th Anniversary. A patriotic music program there will be preparations for the sons. The melo-drama will be served cold.

Closing the fireworks of a Chamber of Commerce in a Saturday night program. The Chamber of Commerce extends its invitation in this area to

The fairgrounds parking space

Cub Scouts A Camping

A Cub Scout camp was held at the north end of Lake Princeton Saturday night and Sunday. The camp was a midnight hike and on Sunday night, and on Sunday families arrived for a night.

Boys who attended were McKay, Charles Herd, Campbell, Bruce Gann, Chipps, Ronnie Ruth, Walker, Jon and Tom, John Kiouss, Donnie, Billy Moss, Terry Const

Billy Weatherford, John, Robert Bryan, Jerry, Donnie Roberts, Robert, John Millemon, Kent, Dale Bohr, Chris Bure, Zahrt and Bill Gentry.

Baptist Youth Meet At Free

The North Grand River Youth meeting held

Harris spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wilcox and Nancy Curtis.

Mrs. Coy Smith returned to her home in Davenport Sunday after two weeks visit here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, Mr. and Daniel, and Mr. and Mrs. King Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wilcox and Nancy Curtis called on Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cox Friday evening. Doyle Holt was a dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt last Thursday. Other visitors during the week were Mrs. Del DeMoss and Mrs. Fred Donelson.

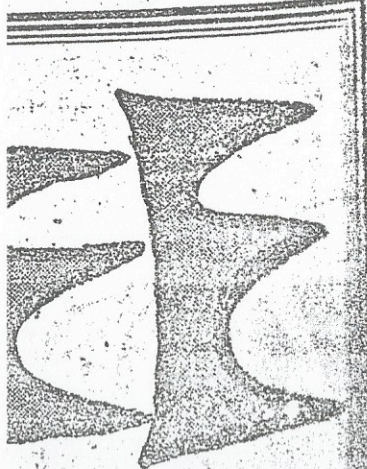
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HEALTH CARE

Nationally, farm families spend more than \$1.1 billion annually on health care.

BIG VEHICLE BILL

Of the \$40-billion spent by farm operators for production and family living expenses, about \$1-billion went for the purchase, operation and maintenance of farmer-owned motor vehicles and machinery, according to the U. S. Census Bureau.



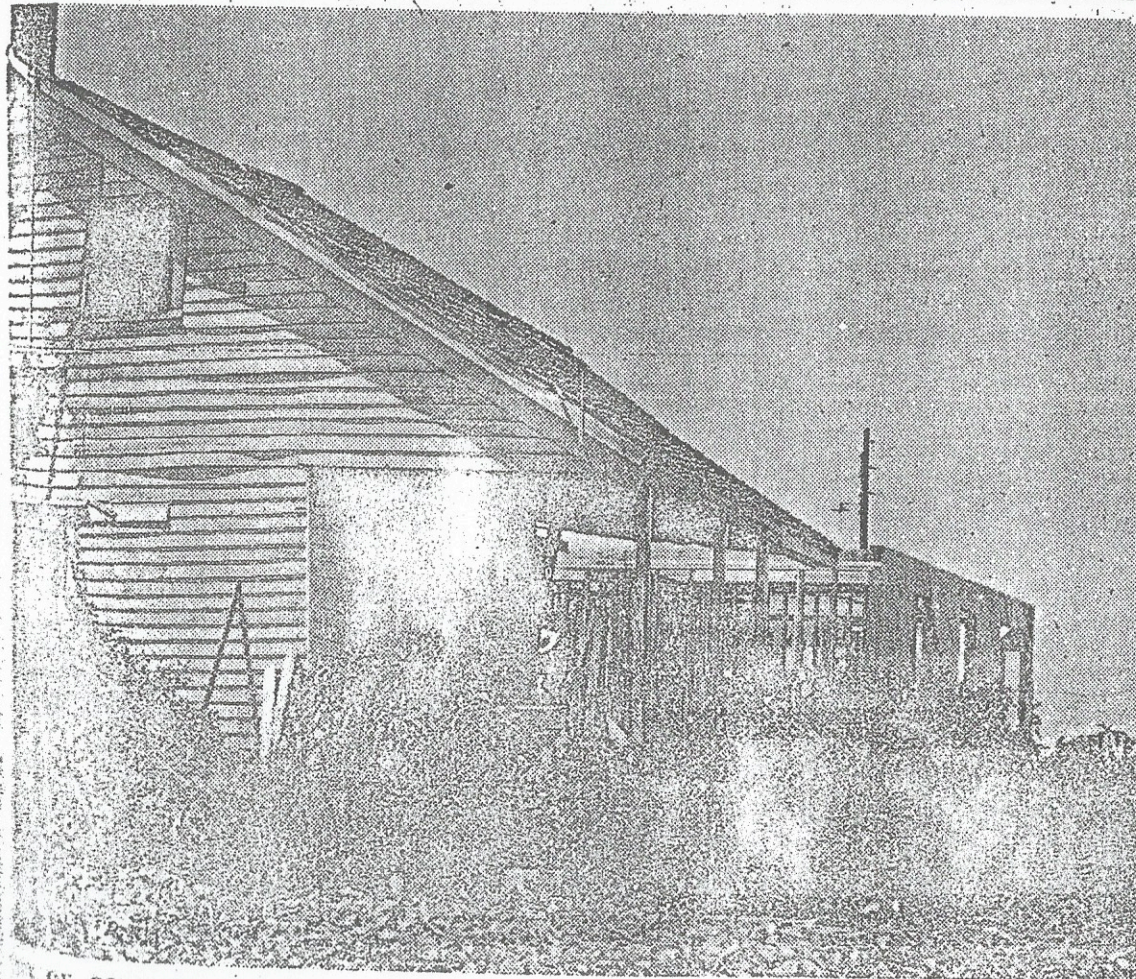
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PRINCETON TO CELEBRATE

Watermelon Fireworks And Concert For

For the first time in many years Princeton will celebrate the Fourth of July. Saturday is generally observed here as a holiday with the business houses and offices closed. A celebration program is scheduled for Saturday at the old fairgrounds.

Although only an evening celebration, it lacks none of the glamour of the old celebration and a large crowd is expected to attend. The celebration is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. In the event of rain Saturday afternoon the program will be held the following day.

Saturday night's program will begin at 8 o'clock at the old fairgrounds with the playing of Princeton's 67-piece band under the direction of Elford Horn. The band will feature

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OWNED BY WRIGHTS 60 YEARS

One Of County's Oldest Houses Is Being Razed

By Doris Thompson

One of the oldest houses in Mercer County which has been occupied continuously for 116 years is being torn down. Miss Leona Wright and her brother, Clyde Wright, are building a new house a short distance north of the old house, which is four miles southwest of Princeton.

The old house was originally two log houses connected by a breezeway, sometimes called a

"dog trot" because the dogs could lie there in the shade. There was a roof over it. Each log house had a room downstairs and upstairs.

It was built about 1843 by James Weldon for whom the Weldon river was named. He came to Mercer County in 1837 and built his first log house in Mercer County a short distance west of the Wright place.

The old house, built of logs with wide oak floors, was later enlarged by Alfred Boxley, according to Orley Woods, a grandson of Mr. Boxley.

Alfred Boxley, who died in 1895, came to Mercer County in 1840 and settled on what is now the Carl Moss farm, according to Mr. Woods. Mr. Boxley lived there a year and then moved to a farm east of it which is now the Harold Renfro farm.

Both houses were on the old trail from Quincy, Ill., through Middlebury and to Omaha. It crossed the Weldon river about four miles southwest of Princeton. Mr. Boxley moved to the present Wright house in 1857. Mr. Boxley's first wife was Mary Ballew who died in 1857.

The children of the first marriage were Sophia, William, Elizabeth, George, Sarah, Oscar, James and Mary. The latter died in infancy. Grandchildren are Andy (Please Turn To Page 8)

Rains End Drought Here

Vernon Whisler, county agent. Early planted corn and beans were in need of moisture as were pastures which had been dry and burned by the month-long period of dry, hot weather.

The cold front which brought the rain also dropped temperatures from the 90s Sunday to a low of 54 at Princeton Wednesday morning. This may be a (Please Turn To Page 8)

parking space will be provided.

Cub Scouts On A Camping Trip

A Cub Scout camp was held at the north end of Lake Paho Saturday night and Sunday. There was a midnight hike Saturday night, and on Sunday the boys' families arrived for a noon picnic.

Boys who attended were Craig McKay, Charles Herdrich, Pat Campbell, Bruce Gamet, Gary Chipps, Ronnie Ruth, Tommy Walker, Jon and Tom Powell, John Kiou, Donnie Waldron, Billy Moss, Terry Constable.

Billy Weatherford, John Kauffman, Robert Bryan, Jerry Martin, Donnie Roberts, Robert Sagaser, John Millemon, Kent and Joe Dale Bohr, Chris Buren, Mark Zahrt and Bill Gentry.

Baptist Youth Meet At Freedom

The North Grand River Baptist Youth meeting held Saturday night at the Freedom church was attended by 70 persons. The Freedom church received the attendance banner.

The Rev. Wendell Payne of Spickard was in charge of the meeting. The Rev. Tom Ballard of Harris led the singing. Mrs. Payne was pianist. Barbara Rogers and Linda Hammons of Spickard sang a duet. The Rev. Maurice Snare of Tindall was the speaker.

RUTH IMPROVE
Elmer Ruth who suffered heart attack Friday was the Veterans Hospital, Moines, and was reported improved Tuesday.

LINDA ALLEN II
Linda Allen, daughter and Mrs. Emery Allen, a severe attack of asthma was admitted to the Axon hospital about midnight Monday.

Service Held For Alva Washburn

Funeral services for Alva Washburn, 78, who died in a rest home in Chillicothe held Sunday afternoon at the Clifton Funeral Home. The Rev. Clifton officiated. Burial at the Princeton Cemetery.

Mr. Washburn, a son of Samuel and Mary Washburn, born June 26, 1881, formerly of Princeton and now lives on the same farm.

He was married Nov. 10 to Ellen Griffin, who was a member of the Ridge Baptist church.

In addition to his wife, he leaves four sons, Forest W. of Kansas City; Bert W. of Spickard; Glen Washburn, George Washburn, both of Princeton; three daughters, M. Heath of Excelsior Springs, C. W. Jefferson of Columbus, Mrs. Dale Coon of Princeton; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



CUB SCOUTS CAMP OUT — Twenty-five Cub Scouts camped out at the north end of Lake Paho Saturday night. The group is shown above. They are first row, left to right, John Millemon, Donnie Roberts, Craig McKay, Pat Campbell, Terry Constable, Bruce Gamet, John Kiou, Tommy Walker, Robert Bohr, Jerry Martin, and Bill Gentry. (Photo by ...)

County's Oldest House Razed

(Continued From Page 1)
Boxley, Carl Boxley, Ted and Lou Ashcroft, Orley Woods and Jay Cox.

A short time after the death of Mary Ballew Boxley, Alfred Boxley married Elsie Weldon, a daughter of James Weldon and moved to the Weldon house with his seven children. Mr. Weldon moved to another log house near the present home of Pearl Thogmartin. It was there that Mr. Weldon died.

Mr. Boxley enclosed the breezeway, making it a room and put weatherboarding on the house. There were two fireplaces, one on the north side and one on the south side, built of stone. They had been built in the original log houses. He also put on a front porch.

There were no doors connecting rooms in the house. To go from one room to another the Boxleys had to go outside first.

Mr. Boxley's second wife, Elsie Weldon Boxley, died a few years after they were married. Mr. Boxley then married her sister, Elizabeth. She was killed when thrown from a horse less than a year after they were married.

A short time later Mr. Boxley married his fourth wife, a Mrs. Gay who had one child by a previous marriage. They had one child, Elsie. Jay Cox is a grandson. The fourth Mrs. Boxley died a few years later.

The fifth wife was a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, whose children were grown. She left him about 10 years after they were married, according to Mr. Woods. There were no children from this marriage.

Mr. Boxley died in the house. He suffered a fractured hip in July and died the following October. Two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Woods and Mrs. Sophie Gibson, had stayed with him during his illness. His children had married and left home years before that and he had made his home with a hired man for a number of years.

Mr. Boxley and his second and third wives, the Weldon sisters, are buried in the Weldon Cemetery. His first wife was buried in the Salem Cemetery.

The farm was purchased in 1895 by Elijah Wright and has been the Wright home since then. Miss Leona Wright and brother, Clyde Wright, are living in the part of the old house which still stands while their new house is being built.

The Wrights have made maple syrup every spring until last year since they have lived in the house. Sap was tapped from the trees in the big maple grove and cooked into syrup in the vats in the woods. Miss Leona Wright cooked some of it into maple sugar in the kitchen.

Their new house will have a kitchen 13 by 13 feet; a living room, 12 by 16 feet; two bedrooms; a bath and a front porch.

daughter, Linda, returned Friday from a motor trip in the West. They visited Yellowstone National Park, the Teton Mountain National Park, Cheyenne, Wyo., and other points of interest. They stopped at the Wyoming Hereford Ranch near Cheyenne.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Beverly Wilson was appointed grand representative to the State of Kansas at the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls at Joplin recently.

Axtell Hospital

Miss Sheila Smith was admitted June 25 and dismissed the next day; Mrs. Allen Russell of Osgood was admitted June 25; Virgil Riddle was dismissed June 25.

Miss Ruth Pontius was dismissed June 25; Mrs. Albert Dinsmore of Spickard was admitted June 28 and dismissed June 30; Tom Moore of Yucaipa, Calif., was dismissed June 29.

Mrs. Harley Shields of Mercer was admitted June 29; Linda Allen was admitted June 30; Ray Shilt of Mercer was admitted June 30.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Paul E. Woodard, Minister

Our Junior Choir will sing Sunday. Their selections will be appropriate for Freedom and Democracy Sunday. The morning message, "What Leads Leaders?" will be taken from Hebrews 10: 32-11: 16; 12: 28. You are invited to attend this worship service at 11:00 a. m. this Sunday.

Tuesday evening at 6:30, the JOY Class will have its monthly dinner and meeting at the church.

The Christian church was very happy to welcome Mrs. Mary Brantley into our membership two weeks ago. Mrs. Brantley comes to us from the Brantley Christian church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Evoritt, Church School Secretary, reported 87 present this past Sunday. The preceding week there were 81 present.

ATTEND GUEST DAY

Eight members of the Princeton Ladies Golf Association participated in guest day for women at Moila Country Club in St. Joseph Wednesday. Mrs. Veach Wilson received the prize for low gross score for flight A, Mrs. Ernest Clingsmith for low gross for flight B and Mrs. John Bryan for low gross in flight C. Others attending were Mrs. Jack Mabe, Mrs. Robert Hodge, Mrs. Oscar Kelly, Mrs. Harry Dykes and Mrs. John Buren.

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SCOURS

Mrs. Jennie Shields is visiting a few days at the L. A. McIntosh and M. W. Shields homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Martin and grandchildren, Gale and Dick Waldron and Ruth and Lee Sta visited Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dykes and granddaughter; Kay Martin.

Mrs. Lester Shields and daughter, Donna, and Mrs. Way Hamilton and children called Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shields Monday.

Ulric McKinney, J. A. McDougal and Clarence Hedlund call

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