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## Cook Family Holds Reunion at Murray

Home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vallery Scene of Fine Gathering of Well Known Family.

On last Sunday, at the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vallery near Murray, occurred the annual reunion of the Cook family, one of the most prominent in the county, and whose members are among the leading citizens of Cass county.

The grove on the Vallery farm with its wealth of deep shade, furnished a fitting setting for this delightful gathering, and here in the shadows cast by the trees, the long table, laden with all the good things, was spread, the crowd proceeded to put in a day of rarest enjoyment.

After the sumptuous dinner the business meeting was presided over by A. H. Weichel of Elmwood in the absence of President O. A. Kitzel of Waverly, Nebr. The song "America" was followed by the repetition of the Lord's Prayer in unison, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—A. H. Weichel, Elmwood, Nebr.  
Vice President—Orest Cook, Elmwood, Nebr.  
Sec. Treas.—Mrs. C. L. Wiles, Plattsmouth, Nebr.

It was voted to have a barbecue in the fall at the T. W. Vallery home, with Roy O. Cole and T. W. Vallery in charge. This event being planned for the relatives from afar who were unable to attend the reunion at this time of the year.

It was also voted to hold the annual Cook reunion next year in June at the park at Wabash, Nebr., and the grounds committee being Orest Cook of Elmwood, E. M. Stone of Alvo and Will Kitzel of Alvo.

During the past year the Cook family suffered the loss of three members who were called to their reward, and in their passing the entire family mourn the loss of these loved ones:

Mrs. Bina Kitzel, aged 79 years, the eldest of the large family of twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook, deceased, passed away last Dec. 1929.

Mae Hartman Dremer, aged 48, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook, passed away in January, 1930. Her husband, Fred Dremer followed her to the great beyond in May, 1930.

Each year, at these reunions, the births, deaths and marriages are recorded. The only birth recorded was that of a great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole, the baby girl, born February 16, 1930. It is Nancy Jane Trilety, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trilety, Mrs. Trilety formerly being Delores Jane Wiles.

Two marriages during the past year were:

John Cook of Beaver City, to Mrs. Champlin of Plattsmouth, and Joe H. Cook to Mrs. Mary Piper, both of Plattsmouth.

The business meeting closed with singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," after which the visiting was resumed.

In the late afternoon, before the time for dispersing, the relatives assembled in the living rooms and porches of the home where the family of R. R. Hartman of Perry, Okla., entertained the audience with clever songs and saxophone numbers by the two little sons, Robert, Jr., and Theodore Hartman. Mrs. R. R. Hartman rendered two vocal selections, playing her own accompaniment, and Gertrude Vallery gave a reading, which closed the day's enjoyment, and all departed for their homes.

## PURCHASES RESTAURANT

From Monday's Daily—  
The restaurant on North Sixth street which has been conducted by Mrs. Olive Johnson for the past several months, has been sold to William Shea, Jr., of this city, who is taking over the restaurant today and will conduct it in the future.

Mr. Shea has had considerable experience in this line of work as he was for some two years in charge of a restaurant in Omaha and should be in a position to give the residents here a first class place in every way. It is the intention of the new owner to operate the place as a day and night restaurant to serve the traveling public as there are large numbers of tourists passing through at this season of the year.

## DONALD HARRIS POORLY

From Monday's Daily—  
County Commissioner C. F. Harris of Union was here today for a few hours and while here attending the board of commissioners, states that his son, Donald Harris, who graduated this spring from the Union high school, was very sick at the home, the patient suffering from bronchitis as well as a liver trouble that has made his condition more serious. The young man has been ill for the past ten days.

## FINDS MUCH MUD

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mrasek drove to Lamoni, Iowa, taking Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cline, parents of Mrs. Mrasek back to their home after being here for a few days. Mr. Mrasek reports that the travel was very difficult through the southern part of Iowa, due to the fact that the Nishna, Nodaway and Grand rivers were all out of their banks and spread over a large part of the country, rendering the roads anything but pleasant and making the going very slow through the flooded areas. These rivers are ordinarily very placid streams but after heavy rains made a great deal of trouble in the territory through which they flow.

## Death Comes to Mrs. Eva Meisinger at Home Here

At the Close of a Long and Useful Life Loved Lady Lays Down the Burden of Life

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning Mrs. Eva Meisinger, one of the highly esteemed ladies of the community passed to the last reward at the family home on Oak street, her death coming as the result of the general disability of her advanced years and bringing to the members of the family and friends a deep sorrow.

For many years Mrs. Meisinger has made her home in the community serving in her quiet way in the advancement of the county in which she has lived and while often sorrow has come to her she has preserved her unshaken faith in her teachings and her courage to live to the completion of a life of usefulness and service and uncomplainingly awaited the end of life.

Eva Meisinger was born near Pekin, Illinois, July 24, 1852, and at the time of her death was nearing her seventy-eighth birthday. She was reared to womanhood in Illinois and where on March 24, 1867, she was received by confirmation into the Lutheran church of which she has been a member for many years.

On February 12, 1872, she was united in marriage to John George Meisinger. To this union ten children were born, seven of whom have preceded the mother in death, the three living children being Fred W. Meisinger of Murray; John R. Meisinger and Henry G. Meisinger of near this city. There are also twenty grand children and seven great-grandchildren. The family came to Nebraska in 1891 and settled on a farm near Plattsmouth where they resided for years until removing to this city where Mr. Meisinger passed away on March 5, 1922. Mrs. Meisinger was also survived by two sisters, Mrs. George A. Meisinger of this city and Mrs. Hoerr of Pekin, Illinois.

## CASE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The hearing on the application for a temporary restraining order in the divorce action of Mary Schleck vs. Fritz Schleck, held in the district court Monday afternoon, was heard by a very large number of the residents of the city and acquaintances of the two parties to the suit.

The testimony of the parties were taken and at the conclusion of the hearing when a large number of character witnesses had been called for the defendant, the court held that the restraining order would be denied as the application for alimony also be denied and that the defendant pay the sum of \$15 per month for the care of the minor child, Marion Carter Schleck and also allowing \$25 for attorney fees for the plaintiff's attorney. The defendant is allowed to visit at the home of the child from 10 to 11 p. m. every other Sunday. The defendant is restrained from interfering with the personal liberty of plaintiff.

The plaintiff in the action was represented by Carl Seif of Omaha, who in addition to his legal profession is an elder in the Latter Day Saints church, while the defendant was represented by Mrs. W. L. Dwyer, lady member of the Cass county bar.

## RECEIVES MASONIC HONOR

Dr. R. P. Westover of this city, has received a very pleasing honor in the Knights Templar work, being named as the representative of the grand commandery of the state of Michigan near the grand commandery of Nebraska. This is especial honors paid to prominent Masons of the state and gives them recognition of their work for the order in the state.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Miss Frances Wiles, who was operated on two weeks ago at the Methodist hospital at Omaha for appendicitis, has so far recovered from her illness that she has been able to return home and will recuperate here with the family and rest for the next few weeks.

## Business Men View Work of Railway Shops

Large Delegation Are Guests of "Traffic Tips" Club of Burlington Shops.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The business men of Plattsmouth were the guests of the "Traffic Tip" club of the local Burlington shops on a personally conducted tour of the Plattsmouth Burlington, and BREN shops this morning.

The party of business men, which numbered about 40 entered the shops at the Burlington store house gate where they were met by members of the "Traffic Tip" club who welcomed them, and who were to conduct the party on their tour. The first department to be visited by the group was the store house where most of the material used in repairing cars is stored, and where many other materials used by the workmen are kept. From the store house the party was directed towards the offices where they were shown the superintendent's office as well as the company doctor's office. Next the party visited the machine shop, the machines here proved very interesting to the business men and much of the workmen's time was spent in explaining just how and what each particular machine did.

Special interest was shown in the Journal lathe, and the Wheel lathe, as well as the compressor engine, which seemed to hold a particular fascination for most of the men. From the machine shop the party went to the blacksmith shop. Due to the heat they did not tarry long there, although a few did linger long enough to watch two of the workmen work a red hot bar of iron into shape. Next the guides directed the visitors to the coach shop, where the men were busy scraping and repainting coaches, also putting new frames under the coaches, and replacing the upholstery on the cars. Particular attention was paid the department of the coach shop in which the electrical equipment of the coaches was being worked on.

Leaving the coach shop the party next visited the tin shop where tinners were busy hammering tin into all kinds of shapes for all conceivable purposes. The tanks used in the process of nickeling and finishing which were found in this department held the attention of all who saw them. Next the party went to the heating plant, where they saw the boilers which furnish most of the heat for the entire shops, from there they went to the truck shop and then to the dry-kill where there was a great deal of lumber which was stored there for the purpose of drying.

The party then turned their steps toward the BREN or refrigerator department of the shops, where they visited the store house and the steel car shops. It was very interesting to the men to see how the refrigerator cars were put together, the material used in insulating the sides and roofs of these cars and the material used in constructing the interior of the cars.

As the men walked down toward the north end of the shop yards they saw men at their various tasks, they saw men employed doing everything from piling lumber to driving rivets. As the party neared the north entrance to the shops one of the members conceived the idea that Fred Rea, who is in charge of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power interests in Plattsmouth, take the party of business men through the local gas and ice plants. The party first visited the gas plant where they were shown how the gas, which they use in their gas stoves, is made, being shown how the sulphur and drip is taken from the gas so that it may be used. From the gas plant the men visited the ice house where they were shown around the plant by Charlie Auit, who has charge of the plant.

After being shown around the ice house, and cooling themselves off to a good advantage after their hot trip through the shops the group of business men again turned their steps toward Main street. It was quite a relief to set foot on the city's good solid cement sidewalks after having spent the morning climbing over railroad tracks and fine cinders.

The visitors were particularly impressed with the splendid appearance of the shops, the improvements which they have made in appearance and working conditions in the past year and a half have been splendid and are worthy of commendation. The beautifying of the grounds by small parkways, gravel drives and terracing as well as the painting of the buildings has added much to the looks of the plant. The neatness and cleanliness which was very much in evidence inside the shops was also commented upon by the visitors.

It is with a good deal of satisfaction that the business men view their trip to the Burlington shops, and their only regret is that they were unable to spend more time at each place, but in order for them to cover the whole plant in one forenoon it

was necessary for them to move rapidly. The business men wish to thank the "Traffic Tip" club for their invitation to visit the shops, and especially do they wish to thank Mr. James Comstock, Bill Mason, Harry Lightbody and William Woolcott, who acted as guides to the party on their tour.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury was the scene of the marriage of Enos Bates and Anna M. Bates, both of Oakland, Iowa. This is the second marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bates, they having previously been divorced in the state of Iowa.

## Plane Forced to Landing on Farm Near Here

Mrs. Angela L. Joseph of Denver En Route to Madison, Wis., Forced Down by Engine Trouble

The residents of the territory southwest of this city were thrilled Sunday shortly after noon when the plane piloted by Mrs. Angela L. Joseph, of Denver, was landed in a field on the C. L. Jean farm as the result of engine trouble.

The pilot of the plane had been en route to Madison, Wisconsin, to get her daughter, Grace, and then to return to Denver, leaving the Lincoln air port Sunday morning but after reaching this far on the journey there was considerable difficulty in the engine of the plane and which finally led to the forced landing of the plane.

The carburetor of the engine was clogged in some way and made necessary for the plane to be landed and the pilot guided the machine onto the plowed field where the ground was not the most suited for the purpose and the plane diving head on, was overturned, damaging the plane to such an extent that several days work will be necessary before it can be placed back into service.

Mrs. Joseph was able to extricate herself from the plane and suffered no injuries in the forced landing. She secured transportation back to Lincoln and where she will secure aid in the repairing of the damaged plane.

Another plane which was also in the air at the time also landed in a field near that where Mrs. Joseph's plane was forced down, but after ascertaining that the pilot was not injured, took off again.

Mrs. Joseph hopes to gain the distinction of being the first woman to fly over Pike's Peak, in the Rocky mountains and while the accident may delay her venture, for some time she is still determined to make the flight over the lordly peak of the great Rockies.

As soon as the plane is repaired Mrs. Joseph expects to continue her journey and hopes for better conditions for the flight when she again makes the attempt.

## MANY VISITORS HERE

This city was alive with auto parties passing through the city Sunday, the tourists from many distant points being very noticeable while the local travel of Iowa and Nebraska people was one of the heaviest so far as summer time in this city crowded to a great deal of business to the restaurants of the city who were kept busy from early in the morning until late at night serving the demands of the auto parties. The noon day luncheon hour found all of the eating places of the city crowded to their capacity to serve the visitors who were enjoying the day's outing in traveling over this attractive part of Nebraska.

The new bridge over the Missouri river here was a very busy place with the flow of travel both from the east and west passing over the structure, large numbers of Omaha and Lincoln motorists making the trip around through this section and up the Iowa side of the river while the usual Sunday flow of visitors to Shenandoah radio stations passed this way as being the nearest and most convenient.

## FINE FAMILY DINNER

A very delightful family dinner was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Hyde of South Park, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyde of Downers Grove, Illinois.

The day was spent in visiting and a general good time was had by all. Those to enjoy the occasion were: The guests of honor Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyde of Downers Grove, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jennings and family of Havelock, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jennings of Murray, Mrs. Claude Landis and family of Cedar Creek, Mrs. Metta Hanni and Maxine Hanni of Murray, Delbert Jennings of Havelock, Miss Agnes Landis and Fritz Franke of Cedar Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Hyde, Mrs. Harold Hyde and Mrs. Ella Prazier and family of this city.

## District Court Opens for June Term Today

Naturalization Ceremonies Feature the Event—Class of Three Admitted at Session

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning was the opening of the June term of the district court following the calling of the docket in the morning was spent in hearing the applications for citizenship and in which Friedrich Basse of Wabash; George F. W. Sander of Murdock, and Carl H. Christianson of Weeping Water, were admitted.

The naturalization day is given over to a short patriotic program and on this occasion a number of the patriotic societies of the city and county were represented.

The American Legion was represented by Henry A. Newman post of Louisville and Attorney Arthur L. Palmer on behalf of the Legion gave the new citizens welcome and particularly to the one German war veteran who was represented in the list of applicants. Mr. Palmer stressed the needs of the citizen participating in the fullest in the affairs of the government and to be ready to serve in any way the cause of the country.

Alex M. Geist, of Louisville, himself a former subject of Russia, a member of the American Legion, also told of the necessity for the citizen giving his best for his country in peace or in war, of exercising his right to run the affairs of the government through the ballot box, to support and uphold the nation and in this Mr. Geist gave the preamble to the constitution of the American Legion. Patriotism was not mere flag waving or cheering but real service every day to the country.

Mrs. C. A. Rosenkrans on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary gave the presentation of the flag manuals and instructions which were given to the new citizens.

Mrs. Robert Troop for the W. R. C. came to our shores in a very beautiful and wonderfully given program, "Adoration of the Flag" and which was a very impressive touch to the ceremonies.

The Daughters of the American Revolution were called upon for their part of the program and under the leadership of Mrs. E. H. Westcott "America" was given and the flag.

Mrs. George B. Mann, regent of the Fontenelle chapter of the D. A. R. gave the following very interesting talk on the citizenship and the history of the D. A. R.:

At the beginning of our history as a nation, the framers of our constitution provided a legal way by which foreign born people could legally become citizens of the U. S. At that time this country was a land of almost boundless undeveloped resources. All immigrants who came to our shores were welcome to share our plenty. Since the discovery of America more than 37,000,000 immigrants have come to the U. S.

Our government has purchased thousands of acres of land until we have increased our area more than three fold. We have developed new industries, yet we are unable to meet the need of all who seek homes here. Of late years it has been necessary to restrict immigration. However we are still able to admit a large quota of foreigners every year. Of those who are admitted and who qualify for citizenship they are indeed welcome.

We share with you all the opportunities our country, our government protects you, we bestow on you the gift of citizenship. The U. S. expect you to obey her laws, to be honest, industrious and loyal in time of peace, and in time of need to be ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with her own native born sons in the defence of this flag and this nation.

The U. S. has many patriotic organizations grouped around historical events. I represent the D. A. R., whose members are descendants of the patriots who served in the revolutionary war. This war established the U. S. as an independent nation.

Several years ago Fontenelle Chapter D. A. R. appointed a committee of which Mrs. Westcott was chairman to consult with Judge Begley as to the feasibility of giving a public welcome to the new naturalized citizens. On March 13, 1922, Mrs. Leete, our regent, gave a few words of welcome and presented manuals to a class of thirty-one new citizens.

This custom originated. For eight years patriotic organizations have taken part in these naturalization programs.

These manuals are for the information of immigrants and foreigners and are useful to new citizens. We have them printed in seventeen languages.

If you have relatives or friends who want to become citizens and who do not read English we can provide them with these manuals written in their own language. Give us the name, address and the language they can read and they will get the manual. It costs them nothing. The printing and distribution is paid for by the D. A. R., and is part of their

Americanization work. These that I present to you are in the English language.

## HAS TONSILS REMOVED

Saturday morning, Margaret and Oliver Henton, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henton and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Will Oliver of this city, were taken from their home near Louisville to the Methodist hospital at Omaha where they were operated on for the removal of their tonsils. The little folks came through the operation very nicely and their aunt, Mrs. Rex Young, remained with them until Sunday afternoon when Mr. Young motored up and brought them on home.

## Louisville Bridge Road is Discussed

Proponents of Change and Remonstrators Represented at Meeting With Commissioners

The matter of the roadway change at Louisville affecting the highway leading to the present old wooden bridge, was taken up and discussed by the proponents of the change and the remonstrators before the board of county commissioners at their meeting Monday.

The question is one that affects the erection of a new modern steel and concrete bridge at Louisville to replace the present bridge which has been existing for many years and is an old type wooden wagon bridge and inadequate to the fast growing flow of travel and heavy type autos and trucks.

It has been proposed to erect a new bridge through the use of private capital, the cost of the bridge being repaid through tolls which will be collected by the counties of Cass and DeWitt and at the time amount of half of the cost is collected the bridge is to be paid a free bridge, the state paying their half of the cost outright and the remaining half collected by the counties as stated above.

The question to expedite the matter and to insure a more rapid payment for the new bridge when erected, it was proposed that the road that leads to the old bridge be abandoned and that a new highway be constructed that would lead to the proposed new roadway.

This proposal was opposed by a considerable group at and near Louisville who contend that the old bridge can be made serviceable for a number of years with repairs and object to the closing or abandonment of the roadway to the wooden bridge.

The recommendation for the construction of the new road and the abandonment of the old highway in sections 14 and 15, township 12, was made by the representatives of the county and the hearing on this was set for yesterday.

At the hearing the proponents of the change were represented by Attorney Harlequest of Omaha while the remonstrators were represented by Attorney Seymour Smith of Omaha.

After hearing the arguments in the case pro and con as to the advisability of the bridge road being changed, the matter was laid over until Friday by the commissioners that they might investigate it further.

The plan under which the new bridge is proposed to be erected at Louisville is similar to that which was adopted here when the new Platte river bridge was erected and which gave a modern free bridge here in a very few years.

## TAKES SPECIAL WORK

Dr. O. C. Hudson has returned from a two weeks stay at Kirksville and in which time he had the opportunity of taking a special course of post graduate work that he has long desired, Dr. Petermeyer, who has been studying at Vienna, under some of the most eminent surgeons of the Austrian capitol city, is holding clinics on the methods of the treatment of varicose veins and similar ailments. The course of study at the clinic was much enjoyed and opened a new avenue of special work that Dr. Hudson has long desired. Dr. and Mrs. Hudson also enjoyed a short visit with the relatives of Mrs. Hudson while at Kirksville.

## HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday afternoon Home chapter No. 189 of the order of the Eastern Star held their annual memorial services at the Masonic temple, which was attended by a very large number of the members of the Star and Masonic order.

The beautiful and impressive ritualistic services of the order was carried out by the officers of the chapter and gave a very fine tribute to the members who had gone on before.

Many beautiful flowers were brought to the service to be used in the decoration of the last resting places of the departed.

Legal and commercial printing of all kinds at the Journal office.

## Cass County People Picnic at Long Beach

Former Residents of Old Cass Living in California Hold Annual Frolic Sunday

The former residents of Cass county, residing in and near Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, gathered on last Sunday at the Bixby park at Long Beach in the annual picnic and get together and welcome to hold a business session of the Cass County Association.

These events are always looked forward to with interest and all of the old time residents of this locality who are gathered on the Pacific coast make it a point to join in the pleasant occasion and renew for one day at least the old times in the Cass county homes when they were younger, bringing to mind the days and old friends in this garden spot of the middle west.

For the past two years Judge Allen J. Beeson, for eighteen years county judge of this county, has been the president of the association, and he presided over the meeting in his usual pleasing manner and his genial mood added to the event.

The officers elected at the business meeting included Calvin H. Taylor, former county attorney of Cass county, as president; L. G. Todd, formerly of Nehawka, as vice president, and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, popular resident here and one time president of the Plattsmouth Women's club, was named as the secretary-treasurer.

Short talks were given by Judge Beeson, Calvin H. Taylor, the president elect, who told of many interesting reminiscences of Nebraska life and particularly of the boyhood days in Cass county where he was reared on the family farm near Union, P. A. Barrows, who for some time was in charge of the Plattsmouth News-Herald and is now in the newspaper business at Maywood, California, also told of the old days in Nebraska. Mrs. Edna Marshall Pettys of Hollywood was heard in a very beautiful vocal number and Miss Elizabeth Swearingen, in several very fine readings.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. MEISINGER

The St. Paul's church was filled Tuesday afternoon by some 300 of the relatives and friends of the late Mrs. Eva Meisinger to attend the last services in the memory of this estimable lady, who after a long and useful life had been called to the last reward.

The Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the church conducted the services and paid a glowing tribute to the long life of this estimable lady in the community, her love and kindness to those whom she knew as a friend and to her contributions to the life of the county in which she had made her home.

The choir of the church gave one of the old German hymns, a favorite of the deceased, "The Rest of the Soul," and "Face to Face."

At the conclusion of the services the body was borne to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery where the husband, who preceded her several years ago is at rest.

## RECEIVES NEW PROMOTION

George F. Dovey, son of George E. Dovey of this city, who has been with the Goodrich Co., at their Aurora, Illinois, branch, has received a very pleasing promotion and advance in salary in his line of activities with the tire branch of this large corporation. Mr. Dovey was here for a vacation of some two weeks and on his return to Aurora was appointed to the position of the manager of the Danville, Illinois, branch of the company and at a very pleasing increase in salary. Mr. Dovey is now at Danville and is well pleased with his new situation. The advancement of Mr. Dovey is most pleasing to the host of friends in this city.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ELECTS

The high school girls class of the Methodist church held their annual election of officers Sunday, June 15. The following officers were elected:

President—Winifred Rainey  
Vice President—Florence Nelson  
Secretary—Jean Hayes  
Treasurer—Margaret Shellenbarger  
Teacher—Mrs. E. H. Westcott  
Flower Fund—Irene Simmons  
Mission Fund—Doris Peterson  
Journalist—Margaret Nelson.

## NEW ARRIVALS

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Orr was visited by the stork last evening and who left with them a fine six pound son and heir and who with the mother is doing very nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Snodgrass are also the parents of a very charming little daughter who was born on Saturday and who is the object of much admiration to all of the members of the family circle.