

Merritts: In the News:

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Dec 1938

Miss Mary Merritt went to Sioux City where she is spending a few weeks with relatives.

A number of ladies attended the Royal Neighbor's club annual Christmas party at their hall on Thursday afternoon. About sixty-five were present. Following the business meeting and an hour of games and puzzles, "Santa" arrived, bringing candy and popcorn for all and gifts as well. This was followed by a lovely supper. The newly decorated hall was beautiful in Christmas colors, the shiny tree and shaded lights. Among the ladies who attended from the neighborhood were: Mrs. Arthur Vanderbilt, Mrs. Leo Crock, Mrs. Fred Baker, Mrs. Asa Rovinson, Mrs. Francis Crock, Mrs. Verlon Baker, Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mrs. Ernest Tonne, Mrs. Forest Decious, Mrs. Will Robinson, Mrs. Will Brock, Mrs. Chauncy Kline and Mrs. Clarence Kline.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock are busy getting their home furnished and in a few days will be at home to their friends on the former John Merritt farm.

March 16th, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and Mrs. Francis Crock were Cedar Rapids callers, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vanderbuilt were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and Miss Mary Merritt on Wednesday evening. Games and social intercourse furnished a most delightful evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were Sunday evening supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wethington, near Tipton.

March 23, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and daughter, and Miss Mary Merritt were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Driscoll.

April 20, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock spent Thursday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wethington, near Tipton. Miss Eileen Wethington returned with her for a week end visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were hosts Sunday for a dinner complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wethington and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Driscoll and family, Miss Mary Rose Crock and Miss Mary Merritt.

Merritts: In the News:

May 11th 1939

May 18th 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and Miss Mary Merritt were Cedar Rapids callers the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were Cedar Rapids callers, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Driscoll and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock visited Mothers Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wethington, near Tipton.

June 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock spent Sunday at the Fladge Clemmons home, near Tipton.

Billie Crock of Tipton is spending the summer in the home of his uncle, Leo Crock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crock and family spent Sunday afternoon in the Leo Crock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson served a luncheon Sunday evening, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Driscoll and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and Miss Mary Rose, Miss Mary Merritt and Master Will Crock.

July 6th, 1939

Miss Mary Merritt left last week for an extended visit to Minneapolis with her sister Bridget Fairley and other relatives. She expects to visit several other western points before returning.

Miss Mary Rose Crock spent the day with Mrs. Francis Crock, while the men were busy in the hay field.

Aug 17th 1939

Miss Mary Merritt returned to her home last week from an extended visit with relatives in Minneapolis, MN and Seattle, Washington, completing a most delightful visit.

Miss Mary Rose Crock was among those who demonstrated in 4-H work at Tipton fair last week.

Merritts: In the News:

August 24th 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and Miss Mary Rose and Miss Mary Merritt were Cedar Rapids callers, Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock, Thursday, August 17th, a daughter, Janet Kay, at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Grandma and Grandpa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock are wearing broad smiles as a result of their first grandchild. Congratulations.

August 31st, 1939

Mrs. E.H. Littig present her pupils in a piano recital at her home Saturday afternoon. A goodly number of ladies responded to her invitations and after a splendid program, a social hour followed with dainty refreshments. Those who took part in the program are as follows: Marilyn Thomas, Patty Herring, Florence Gleason, Mary Rose Crock, Ilene Gallmeyer, Joanna Herring, Mrs. Litting, and Mrs. Leo Crock.

Mrs. Howard Platner, Mrs. Merle Clifton, Miss Mary Merritt, Mrs. Leo Crock, Miss Isley, and Mrs. Will Robinson were among the 25 ladies attending the piano music recital, given Saturday afternoon in the home of Dr. Littig in Mechanicsville. Miss Mary Rose Crock was among the music pupils. Dainty refreshment concluded the afternoon.

Mrs. Francis Crock and new baby Janet Kay returned home from the hospital the first of the week.

Miss Eileen Wethington of Tipton is staying at the Francis Crock home and assisting her sister.

Sept 14th 1939

Ohio Reunion

Several from our neighborhood were among the guests Sunday, at the Ohio Reunion which was held Sunday, Sept 10th, on the Tipton fair grounds. Eight-two relatives and close friends were present to enjoy a most bountiful dinner. A short business meeting was held and it was decided to make the picnic an annual affair, which date will be the second Sunday in September. The officers elected were Leander Crock, president and Mrs. Leo Crock, secretary and treasurer. The guests departed at a late hour carrying many happy memories of this memorable event.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh and Miss Kathleen Pugh of Iowa City, Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh Jr. of Milwaukee, Wis., Miss Alene Wethington of Tipton were dinner guests in the Leo Crock home on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Merritt, who has been making her home with her niece, Mrs. Winifred Crock, moved to Mechanicsville on Monday of this week. Our neighborhood regrets to see her leave, but are glad to know she will still be close by and trusts she will return often to visit the old neighborhood.

Nov 7th, 1940

Miss Mary Rose Crock gave a talk on "What the 4-H's Stand For" at the Mother-Daughter banquet given by Se-Dar-Moc 4-H Club.

Dec 5th, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wethington near Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and Miss Mary Rose spent Thanksgiving with Miss Mary Merritt in Mechanicsville.

Will Robinson and sons and Leo Crock attended Anamosa sale on Saturday. Verne Fairley, Francis Crock, Clarence Kline, Forest Decious Will and Gorman Robinson attended the Sones sale on Monday.

Jan 1941

Mrs. Leo Crock and Mrs. Francis Crock were Tuesday guests of Miss Mary Merritt, while their husbands attended the sale.

Feb 13, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were Wednesday noon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wethington near Tipton.

Mrs. Francis Crock has been suffering intensely from an infected finger. She and Mr. Crock are spending today with her parents near Tipton.

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March 13th, 1941

Miss Mary Merritt is moving to the upstairs apartment in the home of Mrs. Flora Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Driscoll.

April 24, 1941

Leo and Francis Crock and other relatives visited in Iowa City with relatives. Several from this neighborhood attended the Hi-Lo club party at the home of Mrs. Leo Crock on Friday afternoon. A dainty luncheon completed a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Bridget Fairley of Minneapolis spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock. Mr. Crock is a nephew of Mrs. Fairley.

May 15th 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were hosts last week, honoring Mrs. Leo Crock's birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wethington and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were Mother's Day guests at the home of Chas Driscoll near Tipton.

April 14th, 1941

Services Held Monday for Miss Mary Merritt

Mary Merritt passed away suddenly! Such was the statement flashed over the wires on Friday morning, which brought grief to every [hear] and dwelling of our community. Honored and loved by her fellow citizens, loved by little children, her vacant chair will never truly be filled. Residing for over 75 years in our neighborhood, she lived to see it develop from virgin land to the prosperous settled farms of today.

Mary, as she was known to all, was the daughter of Michael and Mary Merritt, both of whom have been long deceased. Following their death, she and her brother lived for 44 years on the farm home. John preceded her in death a few years ago. Upon her only sister Bridget Fairley of Minneapolis and her niece, Mrs. Leo Crock, with whom she made her home following John's death, lie especially the burdens of soothing the aching lonesome heart.

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Mary was of jovial, happy yet quiet disposition, always _____ in school, church and community affairs, and always present _____ unless health did not permit. She loved the farm; she saw beauty _____ waving grain, and enjoyed _____ flowers of daintiest hue. Her _____ was like a great ship sailing _____ morning blue -an object of _____ strength and ability _____ the swiftness of moving _____ which carry on the frail _____ human life to the Glory of _____ Destination.

Funeral services were _____ -on Monday morning by her nephew Father Fairley of Mpls. _____ St Mary's church in Mechanicsville and burial was in Lisbon _____ beside her brother and parents. _____ of our neighbors were in attendance to pay final tribute to the beloved citizen. The writer _____ with the community in extending their deepest and kindly _____ realizing that she will be greatly missed. Her deep quiet _____ of noble Christian character _____ linger long as a tender memory on the hearts of her friends.

April 17th, 1941

Miss Mary Merritt, who had recently leased the apartment in the Frank Wilson home, was found dead in the bathroom about 11 pm Thursday. Mrs. Wilson called her neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson, Dr Littig, and the coroner, and the death was pronounced due to a heart attack.

She would have been 81 years of age this September. After her mother's death, she lived and maintained her brother's home north of town for many years. She was one of a family of seven children, two boys and five girls. Her brothers, Mike and John, and three sisters preceded her in death. One sister, Bridget Fairley of Minneapolis, still survives. After the death of her brother, John, she made her home with her niece, Mrs. Crock, for a short time, when she came to live in Mechanicsville.

She is survived by a goodly number of nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held from St Mary's church, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Father Frencken officiating. Burial was in the Lisbon cemetery beside her parents and brother John.

July 3rd, 1941

The household effects of the late Mary Merritt were sold on public auction Saturday night on east Main street.

August 1941

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock, a son, August 26.

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Sept 4 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wethington of Tipton were callers the last week in the Francis Crock home to visit the new grandson.

Oct 16th, 1941

Electric lights were completed and turned on at the Francis Crock farm, Monday.

Mrs. Leo Crock, Miss Mary Rose Crock, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were Cedar Rapids callers on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas Driscoll near Tipton.

Oct 23rd, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wethington of Tipton visited Sunday afternoon at the Francis Crock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crock were Friday shoppers in Anamosa.

Little Janet Crock has been quite ill the past few days.