

PREBLE COUPLE'S GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parks Entertained by Hundreds of Relatives and Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parks celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at their home, nine miles southwest of Eaton, in Dixon township. Upward of one hundred invitations were issued to friends to participate in the celebration and probably two hundred persons, including members of families, were present to assist the couple in celebrating the joyous occasion.

A feature of the celebration was a dinner served to the guests in the large domestic science hall in the Dixon township centralized school building, near which Mr. and Mrs. Parks reside. The "H.C.L." was a rank outsider at the feast, as there were loads of the best "cats" the farm and market afforded.

Mrs. Stanley, of Liberty, Ind., gave a talk that was appropriate to the very happy occasion. In addition to congratulations and well wishes from all sides, Mr. and Mrs. Parks received many handsome and acceptable gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks were married August 10, 1869, at Mattoon, Ill., by Rev. William Langdon. Mrs. Parks' maiden name was Lillie Lewis. Mr. Parks celebrated his seventy-second birthday November 29, last, and Mrs. Parks celebrated her sixty-eighth birthday November 17, last. They have no children. The health of both is fairly good at present. Mr. Parks sustained a broken arm about two years ago in an automobile accident and the injury gives him more or less trouble. Some few years ago he fell and broke his leg.

Mr. Parks was born on a farm within a mile of the farm on which he now lives and where he has lived ever since shortly after he was married. He has always resided in Preble county, in Dixon township. He is one of the most extensive land owners of the township. He is also one among the oldest residents of the township in point of years of continuous residence. His cousin, Simeon Parks, nearing 90, is the oldest in years and length of residence of any one in the township.

Officers on Fair Board.
Under a new state statute, county Agricultural Agent J. E. Swift and County School Superintendent Walter S. Foray were admitted to membership on the Preble county fair board here Saturday afternoon. Whether or not these officials become members of boards is optional with them. Agent Swift and Superintendent Foray were expected to become members of the board and they accepted.

The board employed bands to furnish music each day during the county fair, the last two days in September and the first three days in October. Five bands in the county were employed at \$70 each; one band to appear each one of the four days of the fair—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with a double-up one day, probably Thursday, the big day of the fair.

It was not determined upon what day any one band would appear. As an incentive, the board will offer a bonus of \$25 to the band furnishing the best program and the best music. By whom the judging will be done, has not been determined. The bands employed are: Eldorado, Gratiot, West Alexandria, Verona and Lewisburg.

A bid for the contract to furnish the music was submitted by a band made up of members of the Rainbow division of the late war, with headquarters in Columbus. The bid was \$600 for the four days, the band to bear its own expenses. It is a 25-piece band. The board did not feel disposed to expend such an amount of money for music.

Edgar W. Siders, of Eaton, was employed to furnish music in the automobile exhibit tent Thursday and Friday of the fair. He has a six-piece orchestra.

Several privileges were awarded after a number of bids were opened by the board.

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STATE'S TAXABLE VALUE SHOWS 138 PER CENT INCREASE

Tabulation of assessments abstracts of the ninety-two counties of Indiana, which has been completed by the state board of tax commissioners, discloses that the total tax duplicate of the state has increased 138 per cent under the operation of the new tax law.

The total taxables in the state in 1918 amounted to \$2,124,951,446 net, whereas the new assessments amount to \$5,168,730,975. About \$100,000,000 in mortgage deductions will be taken from the 1919 figures, leaving the total 1919 duplicate, as it now stands, at about \$5,068,000,000 in round numbers.

Members of the state board of tax commissioners declare that the total duplicate will be far larger than \$5,000,000,000 before the end of the present session of the board, Aug. 28. Fred A. Sims, chairman of the board, declared that in a number of instances the assessments made by local assessors and by the boards of review will be materially boosted because they are not in line with the true cash value system that has been applied successfully in most instances.

The work of boosting of the value of the delinquent towns, townships, cities and counties will start today, when the board begins its session of equalization. It is believed that the total duplicate will be more than \$6,000,000,000 when the state board completes its work.

Comparison of Averages.
The average tax rate of all municipalities of Indiana in 1918 was \$2.01. The law requires that the rate be reduced in the same ratio as the assessments increase. If the \$5,000,000,000 figure would stand, and none of the municipalities was rated authority to raise more taxes in 1920 than they did this year, the average tax rate for next year would be \$1.27.

Wayne county's tax tabulation, as completed, shows that the county has increased from \$24,349,950 to \$51,406,030, and that the land valuation is \$103,688 an acre.

Henry county has increased from \$16,000,000 to \$44,000,000, Union from \$4,500,000 to \$12,970,000, and Fayette from \$8,691,000 to \$19,946,000.

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FRANCHISE LEAGUE ASKS RESOLUTIONS FOR SPECIAL MEET

Mrs. Viola Roth, of Cambridge City, county chairman of the Woman's Franchise league, is visiting all the communities of the county in the interest of an appeal to the governor for a special session of the legislature, to be called for ratification of the woman's suffrage amendment some time in September.

Resolutions are to be sent from every woman's organization in the county, according to plans. Many organizations have already sent such resolutions. The State Franchise League is conducting a campaign for the same purpose.

FOOD RIOTERS KILLED.

(By Associated Press)
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