J. T. Steele, of Webb City, visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rennison, of Boonville, as well as other Cooper county relatives this week. His brother, C. E. Steele, Blackwater banker, spent Tuesday night in Boonville with him. Mrs. Steele accompanied her husband to Morgan county and visited near Marvin and also at Clarksville before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Steele are former residents of Cooper county but have lived in Webb City for 28 years. Over 30 years ago Mr. Steele, who was born and reared near Boonville, taught 11 terms of school in his native county, teaching his first two terms at Crab Orchard. One year while teaching at Washington his pupils won an unabridged dictionary offered by Walter Williams, then editor of the Boonville Advertiser, for the greatest improvement in penmanship. Mr. Steele has been successfully engaged in the undertaking business at Webb City for many years.

Leo Felten, a Boonville business man who operates the Felten Grain Company at North Boonville, has developed a local market for loose straw, which has heretofore been largely a waste product in the Howard county bottoms. Since last fall he has bought, baled and shipped 1,500 tons of this amount 500 tons went to the A. P. Green Brick Company at Mexico, Mo., to be used for bedding cars of brick and 1,000 tons to the North Star Strawboard Mills at Quincy, Ill., which entered into the manufacture of egg fillers, pasteboard cartons and heavy paper. Mr. Felten is the exclusive dealer in Cooper and Howard counties for the two concerns and says that he has a market for all the straw he can get baled. The price to the farmers is $1 per ton, loose, wet or dry. Mr. Felten uses two International tractors in operating his power balers. Heretofore much of the surplus straw in the Howard county bottoms and even in Cooper county has been burned or allowed to rot.

Mrs. Katherine Nelson, of Bunceton, entertained 26 guests Sunday in honor of the seventy-sixth birthday of her father-in-law, Squire J. O. Nelson. An elegant dinner was served cafeteria style at noon, and in the afternoon Congressman W. L. Nelson took a group of golf pictures, including a four-generation picture. It was composed of Mrs. T. A. Nelson, her son, A. J. Nelson, his son Tom Nelson, and his daughter, Wauneta, 'Squire, or Judge Nelson,' as he is familiarly known in Bunceton, has served as police judge and justice of the peace for many years and was one of the town's earliest known