

Greenwood Department!

Prepared in the Interest of the People of Greenwood and Surrounding Vicinity

J. A. Grady and wife were visiting in Lincoln Sunday where they drove for the day for a visit with friends.

W. E. Pailing has been hustling with the planting of his corn, and had the middle of last week one hundred acres in the ground and also had much coming up, and was looking nice.

Norman Peters who is attending state university at Lincoln was enjoying a visit for the week end at his home in Greenwood and was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Peters.

Mrs. David Appum was over to Lincoln on last Sunday where he was visiting with his daughter who moved to that city last fall and whom he has been so busy since as not to find time to visit until now.

At the present E. Calfee has been doing some work at the harness shop, during the closing out of the stock of goods which were purchased by an Omaha firm. Later he will assist C. O. Swanson on the farm.

The new modern home which Gust D. Sorman has been erecting for a man named Snyder at Waverly is being plastered, and will be ready for the finishing and decorating in a short time.

In order to make things the more pleasant at the Greenwood State bank, Warren Allen has been putting up the awnings at the home of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Allen and where all enjoyed a most delightful visit for the day.

Last Sunday Messrs. and Mesdames W. A. White and George Bucknell and the kiddies of the latter drove over to Crab Orchard, where they visited for the day at the home of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Allen and where all enjoyed a most delightful visit for the day.

Martin Mahar was making some improvements and changes at his home in Greenwood and was kept very busy last week, so much so that he did not get time to stop in at the elevator for a friendly chat for most all week. He however, is getting the home looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holt, were enjoying a visit on last Tuesday from their friends Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodman on last Wednesday entertained the Order of Eastern Star Kensington, and on the occasion a most pleasant time was had by all the ladies with the work which they had in hand, and the delightful social hour with dainty refreshments made the day a very enjoyable one.

A six o'clock dinner was given at the home of E. L. McDonald on last Monday evening celebrating the passing of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. McDonald whose birthday falls just one week later than that of Mr. McDonald whose birthday was last week. A most delightful time was had and the friends in departing extended the wish for many more such happy birthdays.

Attend Lodge at Elmwood. On last Saturday night Dewey Headley who has begun his work in the Masonic lodge before coming to Greenwood, and was taking it at Elmwood, went over to receive his third degree, making him a Master Mason and was accompanied by Judge W. E. Hand, E. A. Landon, and Warren Allen. They all enjoyed the occasion very much and were more pleased by the excellent feed which had been provided for the occasion.

Extending their Service. The Greenwood fire department which has been doing excellent service both in town and when occasion demanded also in the country, have conceived the idea of giving better protection to not alone the town but to the rural district, by having an engine and pump installed on the fire wagon, that can be instantly started and a hose dropped into a cistern or well, at any farm house and effective work done in the extinguishing of any fire that might occur. A good list of contributions have already been signed for the purchasing of the necessary machinery to properly equip the fire wagon for this added service.

Will Improve Salt Creek. The farmers and land owners along Salt Creek above Greenwood, and many others interested in the making of the channel of the creek straight and thus saving much of the valuable lands which this stream has spoiled and made unproductive, it is sought to be reclaimed. These people were attending a meeting at Lincoln one day last week, where it was being considered a proposition for the straightening of the stream and thus reclaiming the land.

Will Build a New Home. Robert Mathews, the automobile man in connection with Mr. Peterson, has concluded to build himself and wife a home in Greenwood and at the same time add to the many residences which this hustling city contains. He is now having begun the construction of a five room English style bungalow home which is to be of frame construction, and 32 to 33 in area, with bath and entirely modern. The contract for the erection of the place has been given to Gust Sorman who is now beginning the work.

Making Greenwood Safe. The matter of having a hustling city on one of the through lines of automobile traffic, has its drawbacks as well as good features for there are many people at large on the public highways who do not respect the rights of others or for the laws, and will bowl through a town at a rate which endangers the lives of all who might be out in the open, as was instanced by two deaths recently, one that of our former citizen, Urban Romeo, and the other the lady who was killed just out of town. Notwithstanding the signs which have been posted, and the admonitions to obey the law, a man from Lincoln came stepping along at a rapid pace through the streets of Greenwood a few days since and was approached by the city marshal, Geo. Trukenbold, and at a hearing was given a fine for the infraction of the ordinance by the new police judge, Mr. Scheffer, who admonished the young man to observe the law in the future and not endanger the lives of pedestrians.

Basement Now Completed. The basement for the new home of Robert Mathews and wife which is just now beginning erection, has just been completed as far as the excavation is concerned, and was done by Jacob Wirt and Will Erickson. Charles Stevenson has been assisting in some of the excavation from the new home of Robert Mathews, and thus is hurrying the work along.

Accepts a New Position. Frank Coleman who has been with the county as maintainer of the highway has been tendered another position more to his liking with the Burlington road on the laying of new steel for their tracks, and has resigned from his position with the county. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment by County Commissioner F. H. Gorder of John E. Stradley, which is a very good appointment, and Mr. Stradley immediately assuming the duties of the position and getting busy.

FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA There are ten national soldiers' homes in that many states, with a combined patient population of 28,000. There are 32 state supported homes for volunteers, of which two are in Nebraska, at Grand Island and Milford; two each in New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Washington. At Washington, D. C. the government maintains a home for disabled soldiers of the regular army.

Nebraska's capital city is 134 miles by airline, from its closest capital neighbor, Topeka, Kansas; 170 miles from Des Moines, Iowa; 286 miles from Jefferson City, Missouri; 307 miles from Pierre, South Dakota; 423 miles from Cheyenne, Wyoming and 442 miles from Denver, Colorado.

According to the last government census Nebraska ranked sixteenth among the states in total wealth; fourteenth in value of real estate, fourth in value of livestock, seventeenth as to railway and property and sixteenth in value of automobiles owned.

Nebraska's first governor was impeached during his third term. No governors have since been elected for the third time.

The appearance of Bascom Slomp in the list of Hoover helpers rather discomposes some of the eastern leaders. Bascom is a worker and wields a large influence in the southern states. This insures several Hoover delegations. He will have to go some if he beats Al Smith.

Says Sentence Was Not Valid

New Question Is Raised in the Case Brought From Oteo County.

With the appeal of Art Boyd from the 5 year sentence recently imposed upon him by District Judge James T. Begley in the Oteo county District court, the Supreme court has been called upon to consider a new phase of the indeterminate sentence law.

Boyd was convicted in 1924 on a charge of entering and robbing a Missouri Pacific depot at Talmage. At that time he was sentenced to serve from 3 to 10 years in the penitentiary. He has served the minimum sentence and recently his attorney, Dale P. Stough, instituted an action in which it was contended that the original sentence was void since Boyd was not eligible for an indeterminate sentence.

The law provides that indeterminate sentences may only be given to first offenders. It was pointed out to the District court that Boyd had previously served time in Iowa and was therefore a second offender.

District Judge Begley admitted the error in the original sentence but instead of releasing Boyd, he pronounced a new flat sentence of five years. It is from this sentence that an appeal has been taken.

A rather similar question was recently brought up in a habeas corpus action in which the same contention was made, the applicant having been given an indeterminate sentence when in reality he was a second offender. That action was begun by another prisoner, but Stough was also his attorney.

Judge Begley in his ruling in the Boyd case said that there had been no evidence presented prior to the previous sentence which could have acquainted him with the fact that Boyd had been a previous offender.

WE ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO FIND JOHN H. MOREHEAD John H. Morehead, has been serving the people of the state and of the First District for many years. He has served them well and faithfully. As governor of the State of Nebraska, he conducted this office in a strictly business-like manner and with economy to the people whom he served. He is a successful business man, and believes in conducting governmental offices in a business-like way and with the same economy that a good business man conducts his business. As congressman there has never been a time that the voters of his district did not know where to find him on the issues that came before Congress. He supported every measure that means for the good of the district he represented and because of this fact the people have learned to trust him and know that he is sincere and stands at all times for the benefit of the people whom he represents. He has always been present at every roll call, and has never sidestepped any important duty of any measure, believing that his time belongs to the people by whose votes he was given this trust.

Mr. Morehead is the kind of a man that the people want to represent them and the people of the First District can do no better than to see to it that he is returned to Congress from the First District as he has always represented them strongly and ably.

Mr. Morehead has often addressed the people of Elmwood and community and they know how he stands on the important issues. No doubt as has always been his custom the voters will have an opportunity to hear him as the campaign progresses.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETS The Southeastern Nebraska golf association is to hold their annual meeting at Auburn on Sunday and at which time there is expected to be present a large number of the golfers from the nearby towns of the state to participate in the play of the day as well as the banquet and business session of the association.

There will be playing among the golfers from 2 until 6 o'clock and in which a number of the Platts-mouth players will be entered including Dr. R. P. Westover, winner of the Southeastern title.

Following the play there will be a banquet served to the visitors and Auburn golfers and which will be followed by the business meeting of the association.

Among those who will be present from this city in addition to Dr. Westover will be C. A. Rosencrans, J. W. Holman, George K. Pettrng and E. A. Fricke.

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CLUB The Fairview Community club will have a meeting and entertainment at the school house on Tuesday, May 15th. The three act play, "Such a Girl" will be presented at that time, and enjoy this treat, the public is cordially invited. Refreshments served. Admission 25c. Proceeds to go to buying chairs for the club.

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Governor Smith Denies Spending \$1 for Campaign

Director Says Friends Contributed \$103,310 to New York Executive's Cause.

New York, May 11.—Governor Alfred E. Smith testified Thursday before the special senate campaign funds committee that he had not turned a hand or spent a dollar to obtain the democratic presidential nomination, explaining that he had left the whole matter in the hands of friends, who subsequently was disclosed have contributed \$103,310 to his cause, out of which \$92,990 has been spent.

These figures were presented to the national investigators from Washington by George R. Van Namee, a member of the New York public service commission, who is directing the campaign behalf of the New York governor. He was also questioned very closely about the expenditure of \$41,500 in California, where Smith recently defeated Senators Reed of Missouri, and Walsh of Montana, in the preferential presidential primary.

The investigators, who made an overnight trip from Washington to hear the governor and leading candidate for the democratic nomination, also were curious about total donations and loans of \$70,000 by William F. Kenny, a New York paving and gas main laying contractor.

The committee returned to Washington, where Friday it plans to hear Senator Watson of Indiana who defeated Secretary Hoover in the preferential primary in the Hoosier state Wednesday, and former Representative James W. Good of Iowa, directing head of the Hoover-for-president campaign organization.

"When I was inaugurated I promised the people of this state to stay at home and attend to their affairs," Governor Smith said, "and, believe me, that takes every minute of my time."

Smith added that he had not been outside of the state during the campaign except to take a much needed vacation in North Carolina.—Omaha Bee-News.

Soil Erosion is Halted by Dams By Strategic Use of Brush and Wire Many Farmers Are Able to Save Valuable Acres

Soil erosion is a big problem in the rolling land of the state. When ditches begin to form in a field, the trouble begins. Not only is much fertile soil washed away but many pieces of machinery are broken or much time is lost in farming small irregular patches.

"Dam the gullies," is a good suggestion before the machinery is broken, not afterward. Brush dams have been successfully used by many farmers of the state who have constructed them according to suggestions of the agricultural college engineers.

Three inch hedge posts driven far into the ground about eighteen inches apart across a ditch up to three feet in depth will generally serve as the anchor of the dam. Large posts should be set in larger ditches. Brush should be piled in the ditch upstream and hooked around or tied to the anchor posts. A man should tramp the brush down as it is piled in and every effort should be made to make the brush firm and tight.

Another important point is that the center of the dam is left lower than the sides. This is to let the water spill over the middle of the dam instead of washing a new ditch around the sides. Two cross pieces wired securely to the posts should hold the brush in place and down in the center.

Such a dam only checks the rush of the water and causes it to drop a large part of the soil it is carrying. As dams fill up the ditches above them, new dams may be put in to completely fill the ditch. Stopping small ditches will prevent many of the larger ones from forming.

DIVORCES SHOW INCREASE The reports of the marriages and divorces in the state of Nebraska for the year 1927, released in the report of the department of commerce of the U. S. government, shows a very large percentage of increase in the divorces that were granted in the state as against the marriages.

In the marriages in the state there were 9,800 marriages performed in the state in 1927 as against 9,622 in 1926 representing an increase of 1.8 or 1.4 percent.

During the past year there were 1,620 divorces granted in the state as compared with 1,355 in 1926, representing an increase of 225 or a percentage of gain of 16.1 percent. There were 57 marriages annulled in 1927 as against 39 in 1926.

The estimate population of the state of Nebraska on July 1, 1927, was 1,396,000, and on July 1, 1926, 1,385,000. On the basis of those estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 7.02 in 1927, as against 6.93 in 1926; and the number of divorces per 1,000 of this population was 1.16 in 1927, as against 1.01 in 1926. The number of marriages annulled per 1,000 of the population was 0.041 in 1927, as compared with 0.028 in 1926.

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Nebraska D.A.R. to Meet in June at Arbor Lodge

Nebraska City Chapter Members to Be Hostesses on Flag Day on June 14th.

Daughters of the American Revolution of Nebraska will meet at Arbor Lodge Thursday, June 14 (Flag Day) for an all-day picnic with members of Oteo Chapter as hostesses. The invitation was extended by Mrs. C. M. Aldrich, regent of the Nebraska City chapter, at the annual state conference of the organization at York in March and was enthusiastically accepted.

Many of the visitors will come from a distance and will remain over night as the guests of local members. Reception and entertainment committees have been named. The formal program has been arranged so far, but a box lunch will be served at noon, the Nebraska City women serving the ice cream and coffee.

Visits to Arbor Lodge mansion and the Country Club are included in the program.

The May meeting of Oteo chapter was held at Wildwood, the home of Mrs. J. A. Ware, Wednesday with Mrs. Ware and her daughters, Mrs. Martin Schmaus and Miss Grace Ware as hostesses. Thirteen members and one visitor sat down to a 1 o'clock luncheon. The business meeting later in the afternoon, opened with a salute to the flag, America's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. A short discussion of the correct use of the flag followed. Some violations have been reported such as using it as drapery.

As this was the final regular meeting of the year no formal paper was presented. A short review of the work in the study of American History was conducted by Mrs. J. A. Ware and a motion was made and carried that the organization use its influence to abolish the use of submarines. The meeting closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."—Nebraska City News-Paper.

URGES RESERVOIR PLAN Washington, May 9.—A plea for greater attention toward flood control in the Nebraska City system was made in the senate by Senator George W. Norris (Neb.) here today.

"A proper, honest solution of the question of flood control in the Mississippi valley will inevitably lead to holding back of these waters at the source rather than a building of levees, higher and constantly higher," said Norris. "It is also true that every drop of water that eats into a levee could be used productively and beneficially in our section of the country."

Norris said the income from generated power and relief of drought in Nebraska and other states "would more than pay for the cost of constructing the reservoirs." He urged that "a fair and impartial study be made of the merits of control throught the entire valley by a system of reservoirs."

UPSHAW NOT A CANDIDATE Atlanta, May 7.—Former Congressman William D. Upshaw tonight branded as a "100 percent false creation" the recent statement of Orville S. Poland of the New York Anti-Saloon league, that Upshaw secretly was campaigning in that state for the presidential nomination on an independent dry ticket to be put forth if Gov. Al Smith is nominated by the democrats.

In a telegram from Knoxville Tenn., to the Associated press, the former dry leader in congress, characterized the statement as a "glittering piece of folly," and expressed belief that "some mischievous wet reporter has victimized Mr. Poland just to make it seem that there is a rift in the dry forces."

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