

MURDOCK ITEMS

Mathew Thimgan was doing some work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Weddell during the past week.

Victor Thimgan was working at the home of Charles Sanders for a number of days during the past week.

On last Sunday the family of John Eppings were visiting with relatives in Plattsmouth, they driving over for the day.

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The regular meeting of Four Square County Extension Club will be held at 7:30 Monday evening, Jan. 25, 1932, at the Murdock school building.

Harold W. Tool, W. O. Gillespie and Frank A. Melvin were over to Lincoln on Wednesday of last week, they making the trip via the auto of Mr. Tool.

The Greenwood basketball team of the schools of that place will engage the high school team of this hustling city at a tryout on Friday, Jan. 29th. Keep the date in mind.

Miss Martha Theil was a visitor in Omaha for a couple of days where she was visiting with friends and as well looking after some shopping, returned home on Wednesday evening.

The Royal Neighbors of America held their installation on last Tuesday and as well have some eats after the ceremonies and report a good time. The lodge is in excellent condition.

Otto Elchoff and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinemann were over to Omaha on last Wednesday, they driving, where they were doing some shopping as well as visiting with friends.

Edward Jochin and wife and Mrs. Frank Reister of near Manley and Mr. and Mrs. John Scheel were over to Plattsmouth on Tuesday of last week, also they made a visit to Omaha as well.

Charles Kupke and wife were over to Omaha on last Tuesday where they went to visit their daughter and family, driving over to the big city in their car and enjoying the visit very much.

The new sheriff, E. W. Thimgan, was a visitor in Plattsmouth on Thursday of last week where he was looking after some business matters for a short time and making preparations to move to the county seat.

The January Project Training meeting for leaders of County Extension Clubs in this vicinity will be held Friday, Jan. 22, at the home of Mrs. Henry A. Tool. The clubs represented will be Klondike, Linger Langer, Homemakers, Hungry Hungers, Swastika and Four Square.

A special meeting in connection with County Extension work will be a sewing machine clinic held at Murdock M. W. A. hall, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Friday Jan. 29, 1932. Anyone interested may communicate with Jessie H. Baldwin, Ass't. County Extension Agent at Weeping Water, Nebraska, for particulars.

Miss Viola Everett who is at Elliott, Iowa, with her father, F. A. Everett, is caring for the father who is sick at this time but whom the daughter reports as being quite a bit better. When the father is well again the daughter will return to Murdock and will remain here until the business where she was saleslady shall have picked up after which she will return to her work at Beatrice.

A jack rabbit was started within the sacred precincts of Murdock one day last week and as he appeared near the hotel he running east, came to Main street and turned north with a dog closely in his wake and barking like a Rock Island train coming from South Bend, they negotiated the street to the north end when they disappeared with the cloud of snow which made it impossible to obtain the results of where the rabbit was caught or got away.

Have Exciting Game. The Murdock high school basketball team were over to Elmwood on last Tuesday evening where they engaged the similar team of the Elmwood high school in a very spirited game of basketball which was won by the Murdock team by the neat score of 21 to 11. The spirit was fine and the playing good by the teams from both towns. Then followed another game which was between the town team of Elmwood and the town team of Murdock, and which was a fast and furious contest. After having played for a time and the score standing 6 to 6, the referee, who was a high school student of the Elmwood schools, found occasion to rule against the Murdock team, counting them seven fouls, and finally from some reason not known to the Murdock boys, called the game off, saying that they could not continue with the rough playing. The Murdock people feel that the matter of crabbing and finally stopping the game was very unpardonable like but still they came away with no bitterness to the Elmwood people.

Give Neighbor Surprise. The neighbors of Ferdinand Hess gave this gentleman a surprise on last Tuesday evening when they gathered together and with many good things to eat went to the Hess home and made a merry evening. Among the neighbors who were there to make the pleasant evening for him were: the Scheuter Brothers, Albert Strick and family, Fred Stock, Sr. and family, Will Stock and family, and Fred Stock, Jr., and family. Mr. Hess has resided in this home for the past more than forty years and is highly esteemed by his many friends.

Met at Chester Elsmans. What is known as the Pinochle Club of Murdock, and composed of many of the fine players, met at the home of Chester Elsmans on last Tuesday where they played pinochle and also enjoyed very nicely the evening. There were there for the occasion Messrs. and Mesdames Lacey McDonald, John Kruger, W. J. B. McDonald and the host and hostess. They have been playing a series of games, the ladies pitted against the gentlemen and the conclusion of the series will be had on Tuesday of this week, the losers to entertain the winners at a supper.

Honor Their Friends. In honor of the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thimgan who are moving to Plattsmouth where they will make their home, Mr. Thimgan being appointed as sheriff, the many friends of this excellent family, and they are many, gathered at the Murdock school where they gave a very pleasant reception being in the nature of a farewell luncheon, a covered dish luncheon and where the large crowd enjoyed the evening and also demonstrated that this family have many friends in Murdock and vicinity who are interested in their welfare.

Woodman Spare That Tree. But he did not do it, the aged tree was one growing on the lots of Herman R. Schmidt and was one of the oldest, if not the absolute oldest tree in Murdock, but it cumbered the ground and interfered with the garden of Mr. Schmidt and he thought best to cut it down. After having worked for a time on the tree, along came St. Louis and Mr. Schmidt cutting it down as also did Mr. Fry and the genial shoemaker.

Will Give Oyster Supper. Eddie Craig, who is extremely loyal to his home town, banks heavily on the local basketball team and promised the high school team an oyster supper should they win over the Elmwood school team in the basketball game which was staged at Elmwood on last Tuesday and in which the Murdock team won by a score of 21 to 11, so Eddie is to entertain the boys at the oyster supper on Wednesday evening of this week.

All Students Are Weighed. All the students of the Murdock schools were weighed last Wednesday under the direction of Mrs. Stepp, nutritionist, working under the Red Cross. Mrs. Stepp teaching in the schools each Wednesday.

Will Send Car to Needy. The city of Murdock responding to the needs of the people who from causes failed to raise something to live on and for their stock in the north and with the generous feeling which prevades all of the people who live here, are arranging to send a car load of supplies to the northern portion of the state where they are to care for those who did not grow sufficient crops to live on. More about the matter will be furnished the coming week.

A Strange Happening. A number of the people of Murdock were greatly surprised to notice a flock of about thirty Bohemian birds flying south, lingering about the city for a while. The peculiar thing about these birds is that they very seldom get this far south as they hatch in the far north in the Arctic regions. This is a sight which is seldom seen in this latitude.

Fire Department to Elmwood. On last Friday when the fire was at Elmwood and the news came flashing to Murdock, the fire department with a speedy auto, dashed to Elmwood to render what assistance they could in extinguishing the fire.

Popular Wabash N. F. Agent Retires. W. F. Langhorst of Wabash, retiring from active railroad service and was placed on a pension after 45 years of a varied railroad service as agent for the Pennsylvania railroad in Ohio. Twenty-eight years for the Missouri Pacific railroad in Nebraska and attained the age of seventy. At that age it is compulsory

for all railroad men to retire from railroad service.

He held the position as agent and telegraph operator at Wabash the past eighteen years, having previously been employed at various other stations. Mr. Langhorst's health was impaired the last three years, losing the sight of his left eye and quite hard of hearing, and he appreciates very much the pension which he now receives.

Mr. Langhorst has proven himself to be very efficient and accommodating railroad agent, and the general public regrets to lose him as agent, and all wish him restored health and many long years of enjoyment of the fruits of his labor. Mr. Langhorst has always stood squarely for all good things and is a citizen of whom all are proud.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting. The 17th annual elevator stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Union Association of Murdock, Nebr., will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the grain office at which each member is requested to be present, for the election of directors and any business which may come before the meeting.

FRED STOCK, President. AUGUST RUGE, Secretary.

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When Hard Times were Really Hard in Mills County

Ancient Copy of Tabor Beacon Tells of Condition in the Winter of 1860-61

Rumaging through the Tabor (Iowa) Beacon files the other day we found in the issue of January 3, 1908, the following reminiscence by John Suits, telling of the hard times just before the Civil war. Read it and rejoice in your present comparative prosperity.

"It was during the winter of 1860-61, just before the Civil war broke out. From Dec. 1 till the first of that winter John was one of 40 men employed in cutting and hauling ties for the Kansas City railroad. The war coming on delayed the construction of the road, which was not built until 1867, six years later.

The ties were cut from the heavily timbered hills between Glenwood and Pacific City. The logs were hauled to a saw mill at Old Pacific, where they were cut into proper lengths.

"John says that each one of those 40 men were paid at the rate of \$1 a day, one half in groceries and one half in dry goods; and that for the winter three months he had no money whatever in circulation.

"He tells that during that winter he bought from St. Wearin 900 pounds of salt pork for which he paid the low price of three cents a pound. One day while trading in Glenwood, he went into the Boswell & Hanson store where he bought a big wooden bucket full of eggs for 25 cents, bucket and all. Farmers received only two cents a dozen for eggs that winter and that too in trade only, not cash.

"Mr. Suits told a man by the name of Russell, an early settler living in Anderson township. As that was before the days of the railroad in Mills county, the towns of Malvern, Silver City, Mineola, Hastings, Emerson and Henderson were not in existence.

Russell had some wheat which he wished to sell for cash in order to pay his taxes. As money was known to be scarce at that time in Glenwood (the point at which the Mills county people traded) he decided to haul his wheat to Council Bluffs, conveying it there by ox team.

"Arriving in Council Bluffs he had a hard time disposing of his load of wheat. The grain men there were taking in very little grain. Russell could not even exchange his wheat for groceries. Finally he was enabled to sell his wheat to a merchant at 30 cents a bushel, receiving one half in dry goods and the other half in paper money issued by a state bank.

"Russell then proceeded to Glenwood in order to pay his taxes out of the little pile of so-called 'cash' which he had secured in Council Bluffs. Upon his appearance at the court house he was told by the County Treasurer W. H. Tall that his money was only so much worthless paper, the state bank having recently failed. Russell had been 'handed a bunch' of 'wildcat' currency, so common at that time."

ENJOY FINE MEETING. On Wednesday afternoon the Social Workers' Flower club was most charmingly entertained at the beautiful country home of Miss Helen Johnson with Mrs. Philip Leipert as assistant hostess.

Their monthly meeting was presided over by their president, Miss Johnson. At this meeting it was decided to have a bake-sale in the near future, and if you want some of the good things to eat made by these "farmer wives," then watch for the ad which will appear in this paper later.

After the meeting the rest of the time was spent in singing some new club songs, which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. George Mumm presided at the piano. Later a two-course luncheon was served to which all did justice. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jack Stamp with Mrs. Fulton as assistant hostess.

WANTED. Sales demonstrator for old reliable company in this territory. Position furnishes steady employment and good pay. Give experience past five years and reference when answering. Live stock experience desirable. Address C. C. Carr, 5322 No 25th Ave., Omaha, Neb. 11c.

Alvo People Seek Damages for Smashup

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Godbey Plaintiffs in Action in Which They Seek \$7,688.50

From Friday's Daily

Two damage suits, aggregating some \$7,688.50, were filed this morning in the office of the clerk of the district court by Attorney Carl D. Ganz of Alvo, representative of Mrs. Myrtle Godbey and Charles Godbey, prominent residents of Alvo.

The suits are filed against John L. Zoz of the same locality, they both being based on an accident that occurred on a high intersection near Alvo on November 8, 1931.

The suit in which Mrs. Godbey is the plaintiff asks for a judgment for \$3,000 which is based on the allegation that the defendant operating an automobile, drove into a highway intersection while the car of the plaintiff was completely in the intersection and had the right of way. It is further claimed that as the result of the accident Mrs. Godbey suffered severe fractures at other injuries and on which she bases her claim.

The suit of Mr. Godbey is similar in every way to that of the wife and also asks for personal damage as well as damage to the auto in the sum of \$2,688.50.

The old-fashioned, corn-fed girl didn't have as fine nose as her modern sister, but she had more to put in the stockings she did have.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. The State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss.

In the matter of the estate of Floyd M. Saxon, deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1932, and on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1932, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 19th day of February, A. D. 1932, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 19th day of February, 1932.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 18th day of January, 1932.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

ORDER OF HEARING. on Petition for Appointment of Administrator de bonis non

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Drury M. Graves, deceased.

Probate Rec. 8, Pg. 397.

Upon reading the petition of Ralph J. Nickerson filed herein on the 21st day of January, 1932, praying for his appointment as administrator de bonis non of said estate:

It is Ordered that the 19th day of February, 1932, at 10 o'clock a. m., be and hereby is assigned, for the hearing of the petition, when all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition, and the time of hearing, be given to all persons interested in said estate by publication in the Plattsmouth Journal, a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, prior to said hearing, of a copy of this order.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the trusteeship of the estate of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased.

Now on this 23rd day of January, 1932, this cause came on for hearing upon the petition of Frank A. Hoidt, trustee of the estate of Anna Gorder Ploetz, County Nebraska, for a license to sell the following described real estate to-wit:

The east half (E 1/2) of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section (18), Township (12), Range (13) in Cass County, Nebraska, and the undivided one-half interest in Lot 2, 3 and 4 in Block (35) in the City of Weeping Water, Cass County, Nebraska, for the purpose of paying the specific legacies bequeathed in the last will and testament of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased, and costs and expenses of administration of said trust estate.

It is Therefore Ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at the District Court Room in the Court House at Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of March, 1932, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. to show cause, if any, why a license should not be granted to said trustee to sell the above described real estate for the purpose of paying specific legacies bequeathed in the last will and testament of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased, and costs and expenses of administration of said trust estate.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the Plattsmouth Semi-Weekly Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Cass County, Nebraska, for a period of three successive weeks prior to the date of hearing.

By the Court, JAMES T. REELEY, Judge of the District Court.

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vice for the United States, tells of the conditions there and also as to himself, who is liking the work and the weather as well. Phillip, who has been there but a short time has acquired the near highest station in his new 2nd mechanic, having successfully passed all tests and examinations from the 6th to the 2nd and has been advanced to the highest pay for the first enlistment which is \$72 per month and everything furnished. Many there having completed their three years enlistment have not even gotten a rating.

Double Four Club Meets. On last Wednesday afternoon the Double Four club met, and which is known as the double 4 because the district is number 44, they meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stout where they were royally entertained and where they had a most delightful meeting doing much good work and were entertained by a very fine luncheon following their work.

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