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## Winter Wheat in State Shows Better Condition

Report of State Department of Agriculture Shows Farm Wages and Farm Rents Are Higher.

The condition of winter wheat is 80% as compared with 59% a year ago. The condition of rye is 73%. Farm wages and cash rents are higher says the State and Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics. Farm stocks of wheat are higher, stocks of corn are somewhat lower and stocks of oats much lower than last year.

The condition of wheat is 80% and the forecast of production is 41,190,000 bushels as compared with 25,894,000 bushels last year. Since the abandonment is small compared with the extremely heavy abandonment last year, the expected acreage for harvest is much larger than last year's harvested acreage. The condition is quite satisfactory in the Panhandle counties and east central and western sections. The condition is not as good in the central, south central and southwestern sections and most of the abandonment will be confined to those districts. Reports are not favorable in north central or northeastern Nebraska but very little wheat is grown there.

The snows have been light, but crop correspondents report considerable moisture in part of the counties. A good general rain is needed. The condition of rye is 73%. Much of the rye is grown in north central Nebraska and the condition is low in that section. The condition of pasture is 72%. There is enough moisture to start the pastures, but more moisture is needed to bring the grass out rapidly.

About 33% of last year's wheat crop, 50% of the corn and 52% of last year's oat crop remains on farms. Owing to the small crop of wheat last year, the absolute quantity of wheat on farms is very small. The supply of corn is quite large, but the absolute quantity of oats is very small due to the extremely poor crop last year.

Crop correspondents report a smaller proportion of land being rented for cash, but that cash rents are slightly higher. Farm land averaging at \$41.60 is bringing \$2.39 cash rental per acre. Plowland averaging at \$61.75 is bringing \$3.60 rental per acre. Pasture averaging \$16.60 per acre is renting for 90c per acre, according to average returns of crop reporters.

Although farm wages are low, they are higher than the wages given a year ago. The average wage by month with board is \$20 as compared with \$16.55 a year ago. Farm wages without board average \$28.75 against \$25.00 a year ago. Farm work per day with board averages \$1.10 against 85c a year ago and without board \$1.50 per day against \$1.20 a year ago. The season has been quite favorable for farm work and it is about up to normal for this date. Owing to the large acreage contracted by the government from the wheat and corn-hog programs, it is expected that a considerable acreage will be needed to pasture crops and to soil building crops.

The condition of the wheat crop of the United States is 74.3% and the indicated production is 491,793,000 bushels as compared with last year's crop of 351,030,000. The condition of rye is 62.8%, pasture 67.1% early potatoes 75% and peaches 73.7%. Farm stocks of wheat total 114,647,000 or 21.7% of the crop. Stocks of corn 834,327,000 or 41.2% of the crop. Stocks of oats 271,339,000 or 37.0% of the crop.

### MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Wednesday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Opal Whetsone and Howard J. Kennedy, both of Omaha. The marriage lines were read by Judge A. H. Duxbury in his impressive manner as he pronounced the words that were to join the hearts and lives of the two young people. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Heilmann, foster parents of the bride. Following the wedding the bridal party returned to their home at Omaha.

### ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Troy were at Fremont Wednesday where they attended the district meeting of the Methodist church which has been in session in that city for a short time. The session was one of the greatest interest and many of the leading problems of the church were discussed. The meeting brought encouraging reports of the growth of the Methodist faith in this section of the state.

## Barberry Eradication Resumed in Cass County

Representatives of State Agricultural Department Start Campaign to Eliminate Pest.

The campaign for the eradication of the common barberry is now on in Cass county under the direction of the state university and the workers are preparing to clean up specimens of this menace that will be found over the country. Under the direction of the supervisors Clarence Forbes and Louis Knofflock are now at work to discover and destroy specimens of the bush that may be found.

The state has prepared a very interesting outline of the work and which places it clearly in the minds of the residents of the value of the campaign that is being waged at this time.

**What Is It?**—The barberry eradication campaign is a systematic co-operative effort in thirteen of the north-central states to reduce losses from black stem rust.

Historical records show that for centuries black stem rust has been one of the greatest hazards of small grain production. Scientific records show that the disease spreads from harmful barberry bushes to wheat, oats, barley, and rye, and that barberry is primarily responsible for starting the early epidemics of stem rust in the north-central grain-growing states.

**What Will Barberry Eradication Accomplish?**—

1. Destruction of the bush eliminates the stepping stone used by the disease in transferring from the old straw, stubble, and grasses of the past year to the green growing grain of the next year.

2. Every harmful barberry bush that is destroyed means one less source from which early destructive stem rust epidemics may develop.

3. Barberry eradication will assist in preventing sudden and disastrous reductions in yields per acre and quality of wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

4. It further aids in safeguarding the plant breeding program for improvement of wheat, oats, barley, and rye by eliminating the harmful barberry on which new parasitic strains of the stem rust fungus originate.

5. Barberry eradication means lowering the cost of producing grain crops through increased yields per acre and better quality grains after the major cost of production has already been incurred.

**What Individuals Can Do—**

Each individual who carefully inspects the property, on which he lives, for harmful variety of barberry will greatly aid in ridding the state of this rust-spreading shrub within a comparatively short time.

**Why Now?**—The campaign to destroy harmful rust-spreading barberry has greatly reduced the number of these bushes within the state. Those remaining serve not only as sources of black stem rust but produce seeds from which additional bushes will develop. To allow these bushes to reseed will increase the rust hazard.

### RETURNS TO ACTIVITIES

Miss Lillian Solomon, who has for the past several months been engaged in clerical work at the office of the relief and welfare departments at the court house has been able to resume her work. Miss Solomon was forced to take an enforced vacation for some time and undergo a minor foot operation but is now improved so much that she was able to resume her work at the court house.

## Presbyterian Men's Club Has Fine Meeting

Interesting Program Is Staged at the Fellowship Room of the Church Last Evening.

From Friday's Daily—The Men's club of the First Presbyterian church held a very fine meeting at the Fellowship room of the church last evening and which was enjoyed by some fifty of the members of the club.

In the musical offerings of the program Frank A. Cloidt and L. O. Minor were heard in the always lovely "Neopolitan Nights," the accompaniment being played by Herbert Minor.

The address of the evening was by R. W. Knorr, chairman of the board of trustees of the church, who gave a review of the business work of the church, the needs that the church must meet in the business administration. It was a most complete and interesting talk and covered every phase of the active business affairs of the church.

One of the big hits of the evening was the skit arranged by Roy Olson, Paul Vandervoort and Miss Alma Olson, in which the trio staged a clever rural act with musical settings and humorous dialogues that added much to the completion of the enjoyment of the large group. The young people were exceptionally good and in their musical portion Mr. Vandervoort was heard on the guitar, Miss Olson at the piano and Roy Olson on the mouth harp.

The program chairman of the evening was T. H. Pollock and who had arranged a very fine offering for the members of the club.

At the conclusion of the evening the club members were treated to a fine luncheon that had been arranged by the men of the church and which was the climax of a most successful occasion.

### DIES AT MASONIC HOME

From Friday's Daily—Mrs. Sarah Jane Stewart, member of the Nebraska Masonic Home, died this morning at the Home after an illness of some time. Mrs. Stewart was born December 2, 1854, at Owensboro, Indiana, where she spent her younger years. She was married in 1882 to Robert C. Stewart, they locating in Nebraska, where they have since made their home. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were admitted to the Masonic Home from York lodge No. 56, A. F. & A. M. on September 16, 1929. Mr. Stewart preceded his wife in death September 3, 1932.

There are surviving three sons, Joe, Homer and K. C. Stewart of York and one daughter, Mrs. Corn Cotner of Parker, Colorado. The funeral services will be held on Saturday but the exact arrangements have not been completed, although it is expected that they will be at the Horton funeral home and the burial here beside Mr. Stewart in Oak Hill cemetery.

**SHOWS EXCELLENT CONDITION**

The Farmers State bank of this city has shown an excellent gain in the past few months as shown by the report as appearing in the Journal Thursday in the daily and semi-weekly.

The bank has a strong list of resources that has been carefully built up and makes their bank in the best of shape and under the careful direction of its officers has shown pleasing gains.

The bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which carries insurance of individual deposits up to \$2,500.

### WEDDED HERE THURSDAY

From Friday's Daily—Last evening Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Charles Samuel Milltr of Omaha and Edna M. Hakenson, of Council Bluffs. The marriage lines were read by Judge A. H. Duxbury. The marriage was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pechota, of Omaha, friends of the contracting parties. Following the wedding the bridal party returned to Omaha.

### WILL PLAY AT JOHNSON

Fay Spidell, catcher and Harry Newman, shortstop of the Red Sox here for the past several seasons, will be seen in the Johnson (Nebraska) team this season. Manager Raymond Lebas of the Johnson team, one of the best teams of southeastern Nebraska, was here Thursday afternoon and completed the arrangements for the local players to play with his team on Sundays during the season. The offer will give the players an attractive financial return for their playing. Both have been among the best on the Sox, both in their fielding and in the hitting department.

## Avoca Citizens Pay Honor to H. S. Cagers

Banquet Is Held to Honor Outstanding Work of This Splendid Group of Players.

Honoring the basketball squad of the Avoca high school, one of the outstanding teams in the eastern section of the state, a banquet tendered by the community was held Tuesday evening. The event was held at the high school gym where the players had received their instruction and training.

The room was decorated in the school colors of red and white and the repast prepared and served by the ladies aid society of the Congregational church.

Elmer Hallstrom was master of ceremonies and Rev. Mr. Hall introduced the speakers. The opening number was a vocal duet by Mrs. J. J. Cullen and Miss Phyllis Straub. Rev. Mr. Hall then introduced the coaches and team of Elk Creek and Nebawka and the parents of the Avoca team. Elk Creek was defeated by the Avoca team in the regional tournament.

Leonard Larson, Avoca coach, and his team were next introduced. Henry Whittaker, forward on the University of Nebraska basketball team this year, gave a short talk, and the toastmaster next introduced Harold Petz, chairman of intramural athletics at the university.

A male quartet composed of four Avoca players, Sterling Baier, Marvin Stovall, Calvin Carsten and Ernest Gollner, entertained with a selection. After the program the entire assembly went to the high school auditorium where Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Petz showed moving pictures of basketball, football and track events.

### BLACK SNOW DRIFTS

Roadways over the county, particularly those east and west, have been laden with large heaps of "black snow," the dust and dirt swept from the fields over the county by the storm of Tuesday and Wednesday.

In many places where the wind had a sweep for long distances the dust is piled up like a snowdrift and in several spots leaves only room for the passage of one car or truck at a time along the road.

The dry condition of the top soil as well as the fact that some of the fields had been worked, gave the wind the opportunity of moving a great deal of soil and depositing it along the roadways.

Not only piling up in the roads but the dust driven by the high wind forced its way into the home in the city and country as well to the annoyance of the householders.

### ROUND UP FLOATERS

From Saturday's Daily—Last evening Officers Dave Pickrel and Roy Stewart were notified that a number of floaters were loafing in the Burlington railroad yards and accordingly made an investigation and found four of them. The men were not in a receptive mood for the offer of the officers to give them lodging in the city jail but were brought up and placed in safe keeping for the night. The police make every effort to round up the drifters each night so that they will not prowl over the city and cause annoyance to the residents or perhaps commit some offense.

## Bellevue Winner of a Triangular Meet Thursday

Bad Weather Conditions Prevent Best Showing of the Contestants in Meet.

In the almost mid-winter blast at Athletic park Thursday afternoon, the Bellevue high school was winner of the triangular track meet between Plattsmouth, Bellevue and Waterloo.

Buster Sheely of Bellevue was the outstanding figure in the meet as he scored 27 points for his team. The results were Bellevue 173; Plattsmouth, 49 and Waterloo 294.

The summary of the events:

100-yard dash—Won by Keeling, Bellevue; second, Sharp, Waterloo; third, McCleary, Plattsmouth; fourth, Moore, Waterloo. Time—:11.

220-yard dash—Won by Schultz, Bellevue; second, Moore, Waterloo; third, Lamberson, Plattsmouth; fourth, Sharpe, Waterloo. Time—:29.5.

440-yard dash—Won by Keeling, Bellevue; second, Knelke, Plattsmouth; third, Sullivan, Bellevue; fourth, Nelson, Bellevue. Time—:58.5.

880-yard run—Won by Jensen, Plattsmouth; second, Stenglein, Waterloo; third, Stefan, Bellevue; fourth, Waiden, Plattsmouth. Time—:2:24.5.

110-yard low hurdles—Won by Sheely, Bellevue; second, Schultz, Bellevue; third, J. Taylor, Plattsmouth; fourth, Stenglein, Waterloo. Time—:13.2.

Shot put—Won by J. Taylor, Plattsmouth; second, Sheely, Bellevue; third, Armstrong, Plattsmouth; fourth, Sharpe, Waterloo. Distance—40 feet.

Discus throw—Won by Carey, Bellevue; second, J. Taylor, Plattsmouth; third, Armstrong, Plattsmouth; fourth, White, Waterloo. Distance—87 feet 4 inches.

Javelin throw—Won by Sheely, Bellevue; second, Ehlers, Bellevue; third, Lamberson, Plattsmouth; tied for fourth, Hendley, Waterloo, and Rhoades, Plattsmouth. Distance—143 feet.

Pole vault—Tied for first, Sheely and Searle, Bellevue; third, McCleary, Plattsmouth; fourth, Hendley, Waterloo. Height—10 feet 3 inches.

Bread jump—Won by Sheely, Bellevue; second, Schultz, Bellevue; third, Keeling, Bellevue; fourth, Sharpe, Waterloo. Distance—19 feet 7 inches.

High jump—Tied for first, Hiner and McCleary, Plattsmouth, Trent, Bellevue, and Carper, Waterloo. Height—5 feet 4 inches.

880-yard relay—Won by Bellevue (Schultz, Searle, Sheely, Keeling); second, Plattsmouth. Time—1:42.

### FOR STATE SENATOR

From Friday's Daily—The first filing for legislative office in Cass county so far in the campaign was made today. Fred L. Carstens, of Avoca, one of the best known residents of Cass county, filing as democratic candidate for state senator.

Mr. Carstens has been a lifelong resident of the Avoca community where he has been prominent in the community affairs and a very successful farmer. He is at the present time the president of the Cass County Fair association, having been at the head of this organization for the past several years.

Senator W. B. Banning, who has represented the second district for the past term, is retiring as he is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor and which leaves the files open for other aspirants for the honor of representing Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties in the state senate.

### RETURNING FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. G. G. Hoffman, who has been spending the winter at Hollywood, California, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Haney, is now en route to the old home in Plattsmouth. They left Los Angeles on Sunday night and are expected to reach this city by Saturday. Mrs. Hoffman will spend the summer here at her home on South Ninth street.

### RETURNS FROM IOWA

From Thursday's Daily—S. S. Gooding, who has been enjoying a visit with relatives in Iowa, returned home this morning after a most enjoyable outing. He spent some time at Marshalltown, Iowa, where he has an aunt that has been in poor health for some time, finding her but little changed. He also made a short stop at Carroll, Iowa, to visit with a cousin and family for a few days.

## Plattsmouth Students Compete in Contest

Second District Music Contest at Omaha South Brings Honors to Several Local Students.

The second district music contest was held Friday and today at the auditorium of the South high school at Omaha, a number of the Plattsmouth students being contestants in the various groups.

In the Friday winners as announced Mildred and Bernard Knofflock of this city and the string sextette of girls of the local high school were among the winners of place as excellent.

The opening section of the contest was devoted to vocal contests for girls as well as wind instruments, while in the Friday evening program boys' vocal solos and string instruments were featured.

Bernard Knofflock received excellent in the boy's medium voice solo as well as the 'cello section of the contest. In the violin section of the contest Mildred Knofflock was given excellent for her fine performance.

The small string group also gave the Plattsmouth high school sextette places as excellent.

Duane Harmon of Weeping Water, brilliant cornet and trumpeter soloist, was awarded superior rating by the judges as the first in this group. In the girls' low voice group Pauline Olson of Weeping Water was placed as excellent.

### FIRST NIGHT IN CAMP

From Saturday's Daily—Eight boys of the Black Panther patrol of the Legion Boy Scout troop, with John Rishel patrol leader made an overnight trip to Camp Wheeler last night and are remaining there throughout most of today, busily engaged in cleaning up the yard surrounding the cabin and getting the grounds in shape for the opening, planned for April 29th. A member of the troop committee spent the night in camp and the patrol was joined this morning by Aulton Roland, junior assistant Scoutmaster to help direct the clean-up work.

Aside from the excitement of first night in camp, which made it difficult for the boys to settle down at the sounding of taps, everything went smoothly and everyone was up with the rising sun for flag raising ceremonies, followed by preparation of breakfast over open fires and then the real work of the day.

Other patrols will spend week ends there up to the end of the school year, after which one week camping periods will be arranged.

### DEATH OF BABE

From Saturday's Daily—The death of Robert Dale Covert, 2, occurred this morning at an early hour at the family home in this city, following an illness that has covered several months. The little one was at Omaha for a number of weeks undergoing treatment at a hospital but without any measure of success. There were a number of blood transfusions given but these failed to rally the 'babe' and it continued to fail until death came to his relief.

The little one is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Covert, three brothers, Elban, Wilbur, Leroy Raymond, three sisters, Vesta, Sheila and Lena May.

No funeral arrangements have been completed as yet.

## Select Plattsmouth Lady for Signal Honors

Mrs. E. H. Wescott Selected as One of Fourteen Over State to Contribute Music Work.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott of this city was selected as one out of a group of fourteen of the leaders in the work of music teaching over the state to draw plans for the furtherance of this activity in the state.

This committee of fourteen is selected to represent all sections of the state and in conjunction with the state officers of the Nebraska Music Teachers Association will join in the confederation for plans for the future work of the organization, revise and bring up to date the constitution of the organization. The meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th.

The Nebraska Music Teachers association is the largest and most active in the United States. The plans for the revising of the work is the outgrowth of the national meeting of the association held at Lincoln in December.

This is a very much deserved honor for Mrs. Wescott who has given many years to the musical work and has ranked as one of the leading vocalists as well as teachers in eastern Nebraska.

### FEDERATION MEETS

The Presbyterian Federation, composed of the various ladies societies of the church, met Wednesday afternoon at the Fellowship room of the church and with a large number of the ladies being in attendance to participate in the business of the meeting.

The ladies were addressed by Dr. H. C. McClusky, the pastor of the church, who explained the plans of the federation and its place in the church affairs and the carrying on of the various activities.

Under the new plan the ladies are organized into five circles of thirty-five members each who will carry on the activities that were formerly handled by several individual societies.

The ladies took up the matter of the election of the officers for the ensuing year and the following were selected:

President—Mrs. C. E. Hartford.  
First Vice-President—Mrs. Fred C. Nolting, Jr.  
Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. L. Wiles.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. W. Niel.  
Secretary—Mrs. R. W. Knorr.  
Missionary Chairman—Mrs. H. G. McClusky.

The ladies enjoyed a short time in visiting and an informal discussion of the plans of the new organization and as the afternoon closed duty and delicious refreshments were served by the committee.

### DEATH OF MRS. W. H. FRESSE

From Saturday's Daily—The death of Mrs. W. H. Fresse, well known resident of this city occurred today just before the noon hour at the home on West Vine street. Mrs. Fresse had been in poor health for a number of years and in the last few months failed very rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York have been with her for the past year and a half.

Mrs. Fresse is survived by three daughters and one son, Mrs. L. V. Copenhaver of Harlingen, Texas; Mrs. Don C. York of this city; Mrs. Violet Mullen of Chicago and Charles L. Fresse of Oxnard, California. A more extended sketch of this splendid lady will appear later in the Journal.

### TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes, now living at VII-Bison, Iowa, will regret to learn that Mrs. Holmes was taken to an Omaha hospital Thursday afternoon for an operation. She has been poorly for some time and suffered from severe attacks of gall stones, the last of which was so severe that an immediate operation was decided on. Mrs. Holmes was formerly Miss Grace Dalton of this city.