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## Wabash News

John C. Browne was a visitor in Omaha last Friday, where he had some business matters to look after for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. August Oehlerking entertained on Christmas day, having as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Schweppe and family.

Milton Wood and wife were in Lincoln last Tuesday, where they were visiting with relatives for the day, making the trip in their car.

J. C. Browne was a visitor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Stromer and family of Alvo on Christmas day, enjoying a fine Christmas dinner there.

Fred Towle and wife entertained on Christmas day, having as guests Mrs. Una McHugh, of Murdock, and her son Edward, as well as Miss Mary McHugh, of Omaha.

August Wendt and family spent Christmas afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schoeman, of Louisville, where they all enjoyed the occasion, including a fine dinner and supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Otte entertained for dinner on Christmas day, having as their guests for the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson. All enjoyed the splendid get-together and the very fine dinner which was had.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gerbeling entertained at their home last Tuesday, with a fine Christmas dinner. Among their guests were their two daughters, who reside in the south and who remained during the week for a longer visit with the parents.

Roy Hanson, of Ogallala, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson, with his wife, arrived in Wabash last Monday and visited for a number of days at the home of their parents. They enjoyed their visit very much, as well as the opportunity of being home for Christmas and partaking of a sumptuous Christmas dinner.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Tom Walling were in Wabash early last week in search of the people who have been stealing chickens in this vicinity. They were also investigating the shooting of a horse belonging to Lawrence Earhardt, which had been out in the pasture

and came to the barn bleeding from a gunshot wound, later dying.

### Captured a Raccoon

Parker Otte who likes to trap and also makes his activity along this line return him considerable revenue, has some traps set on the land of Clarence Ohms. As he had not visited the run for a few days, he received a telephone call from Mr. Ohms telling him to come and get a large raccoon which had been caught in one of the traps. Parker did not lose any time in getting out to look after the traps, as he saw an opportunity to make a neat profit out of this catch.

### Entertained on Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards entertained on Christmas day, serving a fine dinner to their guests who included J. E. Golden and family, W. Richards and wife and Lloyd Richards. All enjoyed the occasion.

### FOUR MILE CLUB

The December meeting of the Four Mile Community club was held at the home of Miss Helen Hunter with Mrs. Hugh Stander and Mrs. Leonard Stoehr as associate hostesses.

The president opened the meeting with a lesson on Parliamentary Procedure. This was followed by the reading of "The Collect," and singing of the song of the month, "All Through the Night." Plans of the Christmas party, to be held at the home of Mrs. Philip Kehne were discussed.

The leaders presented the lesson of the month, "Economic Food Buying." This was given in a very interesting manner and was supplemented by reports and discussion by the club members.

Thirteen members and one visitor, Mrs. W. C. Tipples, were present.

Refreshments, suggestive of the Christmas season, were served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

### HEALTH FOR INDIGENT

Washington.—A health insurance bill to provide medical attention for the indigent will be introduced by Senator Black (d., Ala.) when congress convenes.

## Dodge County Towns to Make Test of Law

Road Tax Case Challenged by Several Towns May Have State Wide Effect in Results.

Hearings in a suit of four Dodge county towns to collect \$115,036 in road taxes levied by the county over a period of 43 years was begun in district court at Fremont Wednesday.

The case was being heard by District Judge Frederick L. Spear of Fremont. The four communities were represented by W. J. Courtwright, Rodney Dunlap represented Dodge county as a special counsel.

### Cites 1930 Statute

The action, which in effect will have bearing on many Nebraska counties, was brought in behalf of Fremont, Scribner, Uehling and North Bend. Basis for the action is the contention that a Nebraska statute in effect until 1910 provided that counties return a portion of road levies were collected.

Under the contention of the four plaintiffs, Fremont would receive a 100 per cent rebate of road tax collections over the 43-year period prior to 1930 and the other three plaintiffs 50 per cent rebates.

### County Men Testify

Called to the witness stand for completion of background of the case were three Dodge county officials. They were Deputy County Treasurer K. B. Schurman, County Clerk W. E. Barz and County Engineer L. M. Roesslers. Their testimony was designed merely to clear the way for arguments scheduled to begin tomorrow.

Attorneys for the county were expected to argue that the 43 years during which the townships acquiesced in the system was tantamount to agreement. They were expected to argue further that the now defunct statute requiring distribution of road levies did not apply where the township system is in effect.

### MISS GARROTTO ENGAGED

Omaha.—Announcement of the engagement of Annupia Garrotto, Omaha opera singer, to Laurence Power, Australian tenor, was announced by Miss Garrotto's parents here. The couple met in Italy five years ago. Date of the marriage has not been set. In order to come here for the holidays, Miss Garrotto refused an offer to sing in "Faust" under Conductor Fritz Reiner in Philadelphia next week. Power is a nephew of Lord and Lady Tennant of Adelaide, Australia. He and his fiancée had been members of the same opera company which toured several foreign countries.

## Alvo News

Glen Lewis and family spent Christmas day at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Lewis.

Mrs. Clara Matson and her grandson, Clarence Dain, spent Christmas at the Roy Stewart home.

Miss Doris Coatman was visiting for a few days with her friend, Mrs. Lois Snyder, of Pleasant Dale.

A son of Mrs. C. H. Kirkpatrick, residing in Texas, sent a fine dressed turkey to the mother for their Christmas dinner.

Peter Pearson, of Lincoln, was a visitor in Alvo over Christmas, being a guest at the home of his friend, John B. Elliott, Jr.

Miss Francis Ann Edwards, who is working in Lincoln was home for an over Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Edwards.

Hal Parsell and Miss Bertha Kosin were spending Christmas day and enjoying a fine dinner at the home of relatives of Mrs. Kosin in Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stude and family spent Christmas day at Sterling, where they visited with relatives and friends. They resided there before coming to Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor enjoyed a visit from two sisters of Mr. Taylor, who make their home in Omaha and who came down to enjoy the day with their brother and his wife.

Little Allen Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Edwards, who has not been feeling well, was taken to Lincoln for observation and treatment at the Bryan Memorial hospital.

Miss Lucille Buessing, who is employed at the Farmers Union market at Elmwood, was a visitor at home on Christmas day, returning to resume her work Monday morning.

Mrs. Jennie Kahler, who recently suffered a severe sinking spell while at church, but was later revived, is again suffering from a similar attack and is not feeling very well at this writing.

Mrs. William Yeager enjoyed a very fine Christmas at her home when her daughter, Mrs. George Braun and husband of South Bend came and enjoyed the day with her. A number of relatives and friends from Lincoln were also present and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Mrs. William Coatman, of Weeping Water, mother of R. M. Coatman, of Alvo, who has been in a very serious condition for some time past, following a stroke, still remains in a very critical condition despite the fact that everything possible is being done for her in the way of medical skill and nursing.

Mrs. John Massendale and son, of Valentine and Misses Clover and Grethen Mudge, of Cooper, arrived in Alvo the day before Christmas and have been visiting since then at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Nelson, where they are enjoying their visit immensely. Mesdames Massendale and Nelson being sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McCartney entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Bert Birdsell, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCartney, Weeping Water, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Birdsell, Greynbull, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Will Trunkenbolz, Eagle, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McCartney, Dale Joyce, Gene and Max, and Mr. and Mrs. Don McKinnon.

Earl Bennett and family were in Lincoln during the afternoon and evening of Christmas day, where they enjoyed a very fine visit and took in a show before deciding to come home. To their dismay, they found a tire had gone down and another had to be substituted, but this only took a short time and they were soon on their way homeward bound.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jewell were pleased on Christmas day when their friends, Miss Frances Calhoun and M. R. Bennett, of Lincoln, came to spend the day with them and were also joined by Ralph Cramer and wife and their daughter, Miss Mary, who comprises the lone attendant at the Busberry school this year. A fine dinner was enjoyed and a most pleasant time had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKinnon had as their dinner guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Turner McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McCartney and Mrs. Zola Hoffman and Nancy Ann, also Mr. and Mrs. Will Trunkenbolz, honoring Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon and Mr. and Mrs. McCartney on their 35th and 37th wedding anniversaries, the same occurring on the 20th and 22nd of December, respectively.

Phillip Coatman, who has been engaged in trucking between Lincoln and Scottsbluff, as the employee of a Lincoln transportation concern, using a truck belonging to his father, left the truck at Elmwood and came home Monday to visit over Christmas day. He will remain here until the company directs him to return to work, as the trucking business is rather light just now after the holidays.

**Say Business Very Good**  
The merchants of Alvo have cause to rejoice, for they state that this year's Christmas trade was very good, in fact much better than for a number of years past, and it begins to look like we are gradually coming to the end of the world's greatest period of depression.

**Received Car Load of Coal**  
With a cold wave on the way, John Banning was a bit worried last week, as his stock of coal was running low, and a car he had ordered failed to put in its appearance until just about the last minute, when his stock was badly depleted. However, the coal got here in time to help warm a number of homes over Christmas. As George Hardcock, the regular drayman, was not feeling well, the task of unloading the car was shouldered on Delbert Skinner, who made short work of the job.

**Dined at Greenwood**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mullen and their daughter accepted an invitation to enjoy Christmas dinner at the home of Leo Peters and wife at Greenwood and made a trip over to the neighboring town for that purpose. As the weather turned cold during the day, Uncle J. L. Dimmitt, who was also to have been a guest at the Peters home, asked that the feast be brought to his home, so he would not have to go out, and the plans were accordingly changed and the dinner held there. It was a sumptuous meal and enjoyed by all present.

**Entertained Christmas Day**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Snavely entertained at their home in the country last Tuesday, having a splendid time and a very fine dinner. These to enjoy their hospitality were Elmer Rosenow and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosenow and their father, Charles F. Rosenow.

**Gathering of Old Friends**  
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Boyles entertained at their home in Alvo on last Tuesday, having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Skiles and family, also Mrs. Clara Prouty and family, of Omaha, Mrs. Dale Boyles of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kiefer, of Greenwood, Iowa. Mr. Skiles is a brother of Mrs. Boyles.

**Entertained for Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Elliott, Jr., entertained at their home in Alvo on last Tuesday for Christmas dinner, having as their guests for the occasion Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, of Walton, Miss Margaret Wilson, of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pearson and daughter of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Rosa and M. R. Winkler, of Eagle.

**Testimonial to Dorothea Coatman**  
Miss Dorothea Coatman, who passed away some weeks since, was president of the Bible school class of which Mrs. C. T. Edwards is the teacher. The class, in tender reverence of the memory of Miss Dorothea, who was a devoted worker in the cause of the Master, had an enlarged picture made and framed, which they have hung on the wall of the church in the room where the class meets. With a unique ceremony attending the unveiling of the portrait, the class members pledged themselves to more earnest and devoted work in this same cause that meant so much to their deceased classmate.

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"Somewhere back of the sunset,  
Where loveliness never dies,  
She lives in a land of glory,  
'Mid the blue and gold of  
the skies."

### COURT ASKED FOR REVIEW

Washington.—The supreme court was asked by counsel for two students suspended by the University of California for refusal to take military training to review its recent unanimous decision sustaining the action taken by the university. The petition for rehearing was filed by John Beardsley of Los Angeles, who contended the decision of the court seemed to be based on a misapprehension of the constitutional rights claimed. Beardsley urged the court to permit reargument so as to bring out more forcibly the points which he declared the court had not previously caught. He said service in the ROTC at the University of California constituted compulsory military service in a federal military establishment contrary to peace time immunity from such service.

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## BELGRANO TO NEBRASKA

Grand Island, Neb.—Frank Belgrano of San Francisco, national commander of the American Legion, will make his first official visit to Nebraska Jan. 10 at the annual conference of post commanders, adjutants and service officers here.

Grand Island will be Belgrano's only stop in Nebraska. He will be met at the station by drum corps and a large number of World War veterans. His principal address will be at the annual dinner for Hall county veterans.

The meeting will be in the form of a school for post commanders, adjutants and service officers. Thirteen district American Legion meetings will be held through the state beginning Feb. 25 at McCook. Department Commander Winter, Department Adjutant Dudley, Department Service Officer Kriz and Regional Manager H. G. Hooks of the veterans administration, Lincoln, will attend.

## BUYS 3,000 RABBITS

Chambers, Neb.—An offer of G. A. Kelly, local produce man, to purchase all jackrabbits brought in by hunters resulted in material reduction of the rabbit population of Holt county. In one week Kelly purchased more than 3,000 jacks and cotton tails. He was buying for a Norfolk produce house which was shipping the rabbits to New York City for distribution to the needy.

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