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## NEW STRUCTURES WILL REPLACE TWO OLD LANDMARKS

Davidson Will Construct A New Building, And Old Merchant's Hotel Being Replaced.

Work on the wrecking of the old Merchants Hotel is progressing rapidly. With the wrecking of this building another old time landmark of the city disappears to make way for a new modern structure.

A new building to be erected on the grounds is to be of brick and tile, and to be stuccoed. It will be 22½x62 feet, with a basement 22½x32 feet and will be modern in every respect. It is being built by Mrs. W. H. Stein of this city and her sister, Mrs. O. Marcotte of Garvin, Minn., and is supposed to be finished by May 1, 1938. The building has been rented to Howard Bauman who will take possession as soon as the building is ready for occupancy. The building now occupied by Mr. Bauman is owned by Pete Peterson who expects to put a pool hall therein as soon as the building is vacated.

### Davidson Will Rebuild

The march of progress has again hit east Douglas street and another old landmark is being moved to the rear of the lot to make way for a new modern business structure. This is the James Davidson & Son plumbing building on Douglas street between Fifth and Sixth streets.

A new building of brick and tile, with stucco, is to replace the old building. It will be 22½x50 feet, with a cement floor and a tin roof, with a ten foot ceiling, and when completed will be a commodious and modern plumbing establishment.

James Davidson started in the plumbing business for himself in 1901 when he built the first building, a little building 14x18 feet, which was on the lots now occupied by the Royal theater. Later he built an addition thereto and three years later moved to the present site of the establishment, where another addition was added to provide ample room for the growing business.

As his family grew up his sons kept joining their father in the business until at the present time there is the father, The Big Boss, and four sons, John, James, Owen and Frank who are employed in the establishment looking after the business that failed to keep one man busy when he first started in business.

Feeling the need for more room to keep their stock in order and to properly display their line of goods, a new building of brick and tile with stucco, 22x40, was erected just east of the old shop in 1929, and when the present building is completed it will add much to the appearance of east Douglas street.

## Holt County Educational Notes

Teachers' examinations Saturday, April 16.

Eighth grade examination, Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19.

Floyd E. Wilson, Area Engineer of WPA projects has a proposition to put before school districts of the county. Thru this proposed project, labor is available to promote the reconditioning of the school houses of the county. The district need only furnish the material. I have written a letter to all the directors and have asked for a response by March 25. This will enable Mr. Wilson to organize his facilities to begin work the latter part of June. Some school houses of the county are very much in need of interior painting. Quite a few look nice from the outside but have a very dark interior. Sometimes the teacher's clean sash curtains add cheerfulness to the room but also bring out a sharp contrast to the dingy walls and floor. In visiting some schools I have been so pleased with the evidence of cleanliness and care of the school room by the teacher. District No. 183, teacher Josephine Krysl, is an outstanding example of this and there are others that are very good. A dark dingy school room does materially affect the children in it and I hope that all districts that possibly can do so will see that the interior of their school room is

bright and clean next fall.

The following named districts have good attendance records for the year: Dist. 3, Willa Wilson teacher; Dist. 32, Helena Hiscocks; Dist. 65, Thekla Dankert; Dist. 88, Luella Hartford; Dist. 92, Ilene Grutsch; Dist. 95, Thelma Lienhart; Dist. 97, Marjorie Kelly; Dist. 124, Elaine Marfeld; Dist. 160, Norene Barker; Dist. 176, Thelma Kiltz; Dist. 177, Bessie Brennan; Dist. 193, Stephen Price; Dist. 197, Marie Hytrek; Dist. 212, Elsie Peter; Dist. 218, Margaret Zink; Dist. 231, Dorothy Grimes; Dist. 236, Stasia Jungman; Dist. 243, Marguerite Reisinger. No pupil in any of these districts has been absent more than four days. Many of them have not been absent from school so far this year.

Elja McCullough, County Supt.

## Richard C. Walther Is New Manager Of Local Telephone Co. Office

Richard C. Walther, manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company at Gregory, S. D., has been named manager of the telephone company at O'Neill, effective March 23, according to an announcement made Tuesday. Mr. Walther was acting manager here for a time in 1936.

Mr. Walther comes to O'Neill with over ten years of experience in the telephone business. His experience is varied. He spent six years in the engineering and construction departments. In addition he has had plant department service and assignments in Omaha, Norfolk, West Point and Laurel, Neb., and in Winner and Gregory, South Dakota.

## Miss Tequist Will Be Chief Operator Here

Mrs. Mayme Weddel was hostess Sunday at a one o'clock luncheon honoring Miss Clarissa Tequist, who in the near future will go to O'Neill, Neb., to assume the position of chief operator at the O'Neill telephone exchange.

The color scheme carried out in the table appointments and delightful menu were significant of St. Patrick's day.

Eight friends of the honored guest, after partaking of the delectable luncheon, spent the afternoon playing Irish Sweepstakes. Miss Marjorie McMeen was presented with the high point award and Miss Blanche Millbach with the consolation. Mrs. Weddel presented the honored guest with a beautiful gift.—Gregory Advocate.

## Inman Commercial Law Class Attends Trial Here

Superintendent W. J. McClurg of the Inman public schools, and the members of the commercial law class of his school, were in the district court last Monday as interested spectators at the trial of a law suit in court. The members of the class were addressed by Judge Dickson, who briefly explained to them court procedure.

He asked all those who had ever before attended a session of court to hold up their hands, and none responded so it was the first time any of the class had ever witnessed a session of the district court. Superintendent McClurg and the members of the class were interested spectators all during the afternoon session.

The following members of the class were in attendance: James Pinkerman, Walter Rouse, Norbert Clark, Gerald Sobotka, Donald Moore, Doris Stevens, Eunice Chudomelka, Donna Hutton, Evelyn Moore and John Watson.

## Party For Bradys On Wedding Anniversary

Saturday evening a surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brady at their home near Dorsey, the occasion being their Silver Wedding anniversary.

About seven-thirty guests began to arrive until more than 100 were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in a mock wedding, readings and song selections, after

which a few games of cards were played.

Supper was served, toasts were given the honored couple and when the guests departed for their homes after a very pleasant evening they were unanimous in wishing that Mr. and Mrs. Brady might have the opportunity to celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary.

## Observations From State's Capitol City

By Romaine Saunders  
Whether or not attributed to the New Deal program of scarcity of food products, of more recent appearance at the fancy grocery centers is the "genuine diamond back rattle snake meat" put up in cans with fancy wrappers and made a feature of the window display. Indians and Mexican peons have had this particular delicacy to themselves in the past, but it appears the white man's propensities for abominable things are also becoming pronounced. And this sort of a diet may offer an explanation of human perverseness that Jack Quig forcefully alludes to as the "disposition of a rattle snake."

If the dress goods on display in the city's great stores become popular among the ladies there will be a menagerie of colors and fancy figures worn in the capitol this spring. Spots the size of footballs and flowers like a lilac bush stand out in sassy colors from the bolts of dry goods.

Perhaps it was the Holt county ranch attire worn early that morning which gave the impression of an outfit gathered up at the Salvation Army. At any rate, when I was handed the bottle of cream just purchased, was asked if my pension had been reduced. I had to inform the milk vendor that he had made a wrong guess as nothing in the shape of pension was coming my way. He then informed me a blind man who had just been in said \$15 had been cut from his pension. Many whose life's shadows slant toward the sunset have discovered that the so-called old age pension turns out like the pot of gold at the rainbow's end.

Nectarines, beautiful grapes and other products from South America are available at Lincoln food centers. A certain loyalty to our own trustworthy California products of this nature advises not to try the other. But speaking of apples, the Nebraska Jonathan is equal to any of them.

Lincoln is reducing the places where the distilled liquors in bottles are available to twenty. Notwithstanding the publicity efforts of liquor makers, the bottle of milk continues to predominate as the great American bottled goods.

At one of the combination business and tenement buildings of the poorer sort that have stood for a generation east of the Rock Island on O street, through brick wall and window three stories up, could be heard on the sidewalk below the harsh and profane lashing of a female tongue, geared to full speed and top note. A masculine grunt at intervals seemed to warrant the assumption that a hard-bitten pair, housed like rats in the dingy quarters of the locality, were having a "fire-side chat."

In a particularly swanky section of the city are evidences of faded glory as well as in the less pretentious neighborhoods. An estate built up by a millionaire M. D. a few years ago at a fabulous outlay of money and which was regarded as the showplace of all the residence districts now resembles the habitation of bats and similar doleful creatures. The glory has departed from the palatial residence, now empty, and signs on the neglected grounds that formerly surpassed the parks proclaim the property "for sale."

Nebraska's governor is one of the most fortunate men in politics. He makes nobody "sore" and quietly sits and smiles as a shallow-thinking public bestows on him the credit for a condition wholly due to our state constitution.

Mrs. Wilton Hayne of Page, spent Tuesday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson.

## MRS. CATHERINE McNICHOLS DIES AT HER FARM HOME

Funeral Services Will Be Held At Catholic Church Here Next Saturday Morning.

Mrs. Catherine McNichols died at her home northwest of this city about 2:45 this afternoon, after a serious illness of several months, at the age of 78 years, six months and fourteen days.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church and interment in Calvery cemetery. Obituary next week.

## Old Mexico As Seen By Holt County Travelers

By Mrs. Maxine Meech

A motor trip thru the Republic of Mexico is one of the most interesting, hazardous, and at times breath-takingly beautiful tours the American continent can offer. In the winter time it is, perhaps, an advantage to start from one of the still barren northern states, follow the sun south, and marvel at how much more gently she treats our southern neighbor. Texas, of course, comes in for some of the solar beneficence, and a chapter might be written on that state which is truly an empire within an empire. To conserve space, however, I shall jump to San Antonio where one can see almost as many Mexicans as in the republic itself. In fact it is a city claimed more or less by the Mexicans as their very own.

To me San Antonio seemed the real gateway to Mexico although the border city of Laredo is given that honor. But from San Antonio to the border—150 miles—the similarity to the northern Mexico topography was striking. Even the villages lost their spruceness, an air of prosperity and modernity evidenced by others our route traversed. There were miles and miles of brush-grown waste land so, had it not been for the nuisance of the border formalities, and the crossing of the Rio Grande, one would hardly know when he left Texas and entered Mexico. I should mention that there is a difference between the border cities of Laredo, Texas, and Neuva Laredo, Mexico. The former is a bright up-and-coming little city of around 30,000 people. The other is not. It might be too unkind to make further comparison.

Once across the border we traveled the Pan American highway—the pride of the Mexicans and rightly so—but more about that later. For more than 100 miles the road cuts thru most desolate cactus and sagebrush country with hardly a sign of life except scrawny burros and cattle which were eking out a thin living on the shoulders of the highway. One lost one's taste for a steak at the first glimpse of the cattle. The animals were friendly—too much so—they seemed to want to embrace the very radiator of the car; or perhaps they felt sudden death preferable to their miserable slow starvation.

At any rate they constitute about the only hazard on that stretch of the road, but a very real hazard it is.

One hundred miles south of the border we found a bit better looking country, mining and some fairly respectable farming. Thirty miles farther brought us to the foothills of the mountains, a picturesque pass, and shortly to Monterrey.

Monterrey, population 175,000, is the most important industrial city in Mexico. Practically everything is manufactured here except automobiles, and methods of doing business have been borrowed largely from the Americans. One typically Mexican custom however is inviolate here as it is elsewhere thruout Mexico—that of the siesta. The hours of one to three-thirty in the afternoon are sacred to it and all business is suspended for that period.

Farther south we were told the Mexicans call Monterrey a "half-breed" city. To us it looked sufficiently foreign—very narrow streets, houses with barred windows flush with the streets enclosing the ubiquitous patio. In the newer residential section houses are set in lawns, but all of them old or new are light in color and deco-

rated with brilliant tile and more brilliant flowers. There is an air of industry and prosperity in Monterrey one does not find elsewhere in the republic.

About 50 miles south of Monterrey, one enters the citrus fruit country, a valley so beautiful it might have been the original Garden of Eden. Here are the most important orange ranches in the country; and Californians notwithstanding, they also raise grapefruit and sweet limes but no American lemons. Nature seems almost too kind to produce anything so sour. Just to drive thru this region is truly a sensual delight.

Approximately 80 miles south of Monterrey we crossed the Tropic of Cancer and found ourselves in the tropics proper. From Monterrey, elevation 1750 feet, we steadily lost altitude. Here it was near sea level, and huge sugar cane and tobacco plantations dominated the scene. Also there was the Purification valley, a wonderfully fertile country which is the great corn belt of Mexico. For some 250 miles southward the road led thru plantations and jungle forests where the parrots chattered at you as you passed, and the buzzards eyed you thoughtfully.

Now one reaches Tamazunchale, one of the most picturesque Indian villages in Mexico. This town with elevation of less than 500 feet is situated at the foot of towering mountains and is surrounded by dense tropical jungle where orchids and gardenias grow wild. So rich is the soil here that it is forbidden by law to throw away a single seed. A seed carelessly tossed to the ground will produce a tree or bush almost overnight it seems, and the inhabitants are constantly guarding their clearing against the ever-encroaching jungle.

From Tamazunchale the road really begins to climb. In fifty miles the temperature has dropped at least 20 degrees and the lush vegetation has given place to lofty pine and oak forests. An altitude is now 6000 feet. Even these mountain tops are fertile however, and in the distance one sees tiny farms being worked on the very top-sides of the precipitous peaks. Verily, indeed, those Indians seem immune to the laws of gravity.

We continue to rise, winding, winding, winding—sometimes one can see six roads below—it's still only one—but always there are (Continued on page 4, column 3.)

## McKenney Sentenced To Six Years In Pen

Michael D. McKenney, who was convicted in district court last Wednesday morning of having stolen four calves, valued at \$65, the property of Harry Van Fleet living near Atkinson, was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary by Judge Dickson Wednesday morning. McKenney has filed a motion for a new trial.

## Jury Work In District Court Is Completed

In the case of the Federal Land bank vs. P. J. McManus, which was on trial at the time we went to press last week, the jury returned a verdict for the bank.

The next case on trial was that of William Krotter vs. E. M. Sweeley. This was an appeal from the county court. This was a suit brought in county court by Mr. Krotter to collect on a note for \$300 given by Sweeley to Krotter. The note was dated March 5, 1936, and due on or before Oct. 1, 1936. In the county court it was tried to a jury and the jury found for the defendant. It was then appealed to the district court. The case occupied the attention of the court for a little over a day when it was submitted to the jury which returned a verdict for the defendant.

A motion was filed for a new trial in this case, as one of the jurors in the trial of the case in the county court was also a juror in the trial of the case in district court, so a new trial was granted and will probably come up at the next term of district court.

The last case tried to a jury at this term was that of William Storchmann vs. the Estate of John Crandall, which occupied the attention of the court on Monday and Tuesday of this week. This case was also an appeal from the county court.

This was a suit for the balance due on a note given by the deceased on March 23, 1929, for the sum of \$1,265.97, with interest thereon at 5 per cent, and upon which they claim had been paid the sum of \$40.00, and that there was now due and owing the sum of \$1,867.00. This case was tried before the county Judge, and on March 8, 1938, he disallowed the claim.

The case was bitterly contested in the district court, numerous witnesses being called by the plaintiff and a few by the defense. Judge Harrington and Emmet A. Harmon represented the plaintiff and J. D. Cronin looked after the interests of the Crandall estate. The case was submitted to the jury about 5:30 Wednesday evening and about nine o'clock they had agreed on a verdict, finding for the defendant.

## Dvorak Bros. Consign Over 100,000 Pounds of Hogs To Atkinson Sale

Atkinson, March 22.—The largest single consignment of hogs ever to sell at the local sale ring, was made by Dvorak Bros. at last Tuesday's auction when they marketed 307 fat hogs that grossed over 104,000 pounds in weight. About one-half of the consignment were pure-bred Duroc Jerseys of their own breeding and weighed at less than a year old 415 pounds average. The balance of the hogs they had bought up as pigs and fed out. The ability of these boys as hogmen was evidenced by the fine quality and condition of their hogs.

The prices they received for their hogs varied from 8.80 on the medium weights on down to 8.20 and 8.35 on the extreme heavyweights. In addition to the Dvorak consignment over 400 other hogs were in for the sale, selling at prices of 8.75 and 8.80 for best butchers with several bunches of light-weight butchers at 9.00, and some weighing around 140 pounds at 9.50. Most heavy hogs sold at 8.00 to 8.65, while sows brought from 7.25 to 7.75; bred sows 8.75 to 10.00; pigs at 9.00 to 12.00 per hundred.

Cattle receipts showed a good increase over recent weeks with nearly 700 head being on sale. Plenty of buyers were on hand to match the heavy receipts, the result being a brisk and higher market thruout the entire list. Two loads of fine quality Hereford steer calves sold at 8.35 and 8.40, while their heifer mates brought 7.40 and 7.50 a hundred. A load of 550 lb. yearlings sold at 7.50; another load of 700 lb. averages of fair quality at 7.35, while numerous other loads sold at 6.85 to 7.25. Only the plainest kinds sold below 6.00 a hundred.

Yearling heifers from B. W. Waldo's sold at 7.10, while Oliver Shane had a nice load of warmed up Angus cattle that brought 7.65 for the steers and 7.00 for the heifers. Cows, bulls and butcher cattle shared in the advance of fully 25 to 50 cents a hundred over a week ago.

Next auction, Tuesday, March 29.

## Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Early Pioneer of Holt County

Frederich Schafer died at the home of Fred Tesch northwest of Emmet last Monday at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 25 days. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mr. Schafer had been a resident of this county since 1883 and lived northwest of Emmet. He was a bachelor and for the past three or four years had made his home with Mr. Tesch. He leaves three sisters surviving him, all residents of Germany.

## The Weather

We have had nice spring weather the past week, with no moisture. Farmers are busy in the fields and they say the ground is in better condition for spring planting than it has been any time this season of the year for the past ten years. Following is the chart for the week:

March 17	64	36
March 18	61	34
March 19	62	30
March 20	70	32
March 21	69	41
March 22	58	33
March 23	58	24

## TOP HONORS GO TO HOLT COUNTY AT VALENTINE SALE

Hereford Bulls Of R. E. Lucas And Walter Sire Win Prizes And Bring Top Prices.

At the Hereford bull sale at Valentine last Tuesday, held by the Northwest Nebraska Hereford Breeders Association, the Grand Championship of the sale was won by a sixteen months old bull raised by R. E. Lucas & Son of this county, and brought the top price at the sale, being sold for \$575 to a Wyoming rancher. The cattle were judged before the sale by experts and the Holt county offerings won the honors in a fine field.

Mr. Lucas and son had four past yearling bulls that averaged \$400 each, at the sale.

W. G. Sire's Paladin Domino bull stood first in his class as a senior herd bull and brought \$505 at the sale. This bull was bred by R. E. Lucas & Son. Mr. Sire has been a Hereford breeder for several years and formerly lived near Inman, but now lives northwest of this city.

There were about 100 head of Hereford bulls sold at this sale, breeders shipping cattle over 400 miles to present them at the sale ring. The top twenty head, sold at the sale, averaged over \$300 each, which was a record price for a like number at any sale held by the association since its organization twenty-six years ago.

The Frontier extends congratulations to Mr. Lucas & Son and to Mr. Sire for the honor they have brought to this county by their Hereford cattle. It proves to the cattlemen of the county that if they want good Hereford bulls they do not have to go out of the county to get them, as they will find just as good in this county as in any part of the state.

At the annual election of officers for the association, held after the sale, Mr. Lucas was elected as a member of the board of directors for the ensuing year.

## Cliff Bridges Trapped And Cut By Wire Dragging On Rear Of A Car

Cliff Bridges, 23, had a narrow escape from serious injury and possibly death last Thursday night about 11 o'clock. Mr. Bridges was standing on the corner of Douglas and Fifth streets waiting for a car coming from the north to pass, and turn the corner. As the car swung around the corner, traveling very fast, a long piece of barb wire which had caught on the running gear of the car, swung around and circled Mr. Bridges. The wire was wrapped around the legs and shoulders of Mr. Bridges, and he was severely cut.

A car was parked near the corner of the street and when the car carrying the death dealing wire turned, the wire passed under the parked car, catching there and breaking, removing the pressure from the body of Mr. Bridges. Had there been no place for the wire to catch it might have torn him in two. Mr. Bridges feels that he was indeed lucky to escape with only minor injuries.

## Mrs. Mable McKenna Files For County Clerk

Mrs. Mable Meredith McKenna filed for the republican nomination for county clerk last Wednesday. Mrs. McKenna is a native of this city and county and has a large acquaintance all over the county and will prove a formidable candidate at the primary, and at the general election if successful in the primaries.

## Bowen Store Broken Into

The Bowen Variety store was broken into last Sunday night, the cash drawer rifled and about fifteen dollars in cash taken. The cash was changed left in the drawer. Entrance was made thru the coal chute, then the burglar entered the upstairs room and rifled the cash drawers. Mr. Bowen was of the opinion that some large boxes of chocolate were also taken, but he was not certain.

Miss Marie Steinberg of Orchard, was visiting with friends in O'Neill the forepart of the week.