

Over the County

EMMET ITEMS

Fred Beckwith, of Emmet made a business trip to Neligh, Nebraska last week.

Charles Luben and Herman Grothe made a business trip to Clearwater Saturday.

Keith Abart, who is attending the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln is visiting at the home of his parents during his Christmas vacation.

A baby daughter, named Judith Ann was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad, Sunday, December 18. Mother and daughter are both getting along nicely.

Evelyn Lewis, of Laurel came Wednesday to visit at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Lewis.

Darlene Grass visited in Lincoln over the week-end.

Mrs. Guy Cole drove to Sioux City, Iowa, Wednesday.

Les Perry returned from Randolph, Nebraska, where he been visiting relatives for a few weeks.

Mrs. Claude Bates, Mrs. Chas. Abart and Mrs. Chas. Luben visited at home of Mrs. Emma Maring Wednesday afternoon.

Lois Sullivan held a program at her schoolhouse on Friday evening after the program a pie social was held. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

EMMET METHODIST CHURCH

Warren L. Green, Pastor
Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Pastor's theme, "The Birth of a Savior."

Epworth League 7:00 p. m. Evening services 7:45 p. m. Pastor's theme, "The Virgin Birth of Christ."

The Sunday school will present a short program during the Sunday school hour.

Choir practice at the Homer Lowry home on Thursday evening at 7:00 p. m.

We welcome you to worship with us.

INMAN NEWS

Mrs. Jack Sutherland, of Ewing and Mrs. Laura Williams, of Bassett were here Sunday visiting at the Walter Jacox home.

Austin Nickol, of Saratoga, Wyo. is here visiting among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hancock and sons, Warren and Douglas, of O'Neill were here Sunday afternoon visiting their grandmother and mother, Mrs. Mary M Hancock.

Phyllis, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conrad was badly burned on her face and one hand Saturday evening when she fell upon the hot cook stove. She is getting long nicely.

The ground has been broken for two new filling stations on the new highway. Ed Chudomelka is erecting one and a man from South Dakota the other.

Patty and Billie Watson and Keith McGraw are home from the State University to spend their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGraw.

Mrs. Etta Trowbridge and son, Ernest, of near Page were here Monday visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Stevens and family.

The women's auxiliary of the L. D. S. church held a Christmas party and apron exchange at the home of Mrs. F. H. Outhouse Wednesday.

Word was received here Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. John Anspach of the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad, of Emmet at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The baby, who weighed 8 1/2 pounds has been named Judith Ann.

Mrs. Orin Schinek, of Medford, Oregon arrived here Sunday evening for a visit with friends. Mrs. Schinek was the former Miss Mattie Gifford.

F. M. Brittell, of Neligh was here Wednesday visiting among his children. C. E. Brittell, of Chambers visited relatives here Sunday.

Rev. E. B. Maxey was in Sioux City one day last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Conger, of Atkinson were here Thursday evening visiting relatives.

Mrs. Julia Riley spent several days of last week in O'Neill visiting her sister, Mrs. Sena Naylor.

Mrs. Gene Sanford, of O'Neill, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. J. Enders.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Mrs. A. L. Borg entertained her Sunday school class of young folks on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johring, Benny and Shirley, spent Saturday evening at Frank Griffith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peck and daughters, of Verdell visited Wil-

liam Hubby's Saturday evening.

Walter and Howard Devall are cutting wood at F. H. Griffith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peterson and children were guests at the Harrison and Elmer Devall homes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Johnson and children, of near Riverside, were guests of Mrs. E. H. Rouse on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wells and children were guests at Dan Hansen's on Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller on the 14th of December. Mrs. Miller was formerly Mattie Ross.

Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Nenzel, Nebraska, was guest at the Frank Searles home last week and on Friday she and Mrs. Frank Searles and daughter, Irene were dinner guests at the A. L. Borg home. Mrs. Simmons, is a cousin of Mrs. Borg and of Frank Searles.

Mrs. F. H. Griffith was an over night guest of Miss Maude Rouse, at O'Neill on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hayford and children, of Valentine were dinner guests at the A. L. Borg home on Sunday, and they with Mrs. Vivla Searles and Mrs. A. L. Borg spent the afternoon at the Frank Searles home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prouty and children and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johring and children also called there on Sunday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Goldie Fountaine, were held at the Pleasant Valley church, Tuesday afternoon. This community extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

At the coyote hunt last Sunday, five coyotes were in the circle, one was killed and it seems that its undecided as to what became of the other four. A large crowd turned out and there seemed to be plenty of men for each line.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones, Edwina and Jenine spent Friday evening at the Oliver Ross home.

At the meeting held at Midway, Tuesday evening another coyote hunt was planned for December 26, starting one mile south and one mile west of Midway at the Benson school house, extending four miles south to Eagle Creek and four miles west to Floyd Johnson's, four miles east to Mat Ernest's and four miles north, back to the Benson school house. The captains to in their line ready to start at promptly 2 o'clock.

PLEASANT DALE

Mrs. George Weber, of Stuart visited her daughter and husband, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beckwith returned home Wednesday evening from Scottsbluff, where Mr. Beckwith had employment at the Northwestern Sugar Beet factory during the sugar making season.

Jack Bailey caught an American Eagle in a trap he had set for coyotes. It has a wing spread of seven feet and two inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Loeffler and family, of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shoaf and family and John Brall were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler Sunday, December 11.

Supt. and Mrs. Henry Seger and son, Gerald, of Royal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gus Seger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith Sunday.

Miss Ethel Winkler, high school student of St. Mary's Academy, came home Tuesday evening to spend the holiday vacation.

Miss Ella Kasda spent the week-end in Atkinson. Miss Kasda is the teacher of Pleasant Dale school.

Henry Vequest returned home from Los Angeles, California Monday, where he had gone to be with his son, Raymond, who was seriously ill. However, Raymond is convalescent and will come home as soon as he is able to stand the trip.

Economic Highlights

The decline in industrial activity during the nine months following August, 1937, was the sharpest on record for any comparable period, reports the United States News. The recovery movement that set in six months ago, according to the same source, has no precedent in rapidity of improvement, with the exception of the brief pre-NRA boom.

These comparisons are based upon the Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production, which is a generally accepted barometer of industrial illness or health. This index uses the 1923-25 average as a "normal," with a rating of 100. In August, 1937, the reading was 117—almost as high as in 1929. In the subsequent May, it had dropped to the abysmal low of 76—a drop of over 30 per cent in less than a year.

Since May, 1938, the index has risen 24 points, which is close to half as much as it gained, on the average, in the four preceding years. We thus have regained something more than half the ground we lost in the 1937 "recession."

Big question is, when can we expect to regain the rest of the ground? In answering that, most economists are playing a wary game. There is no lack of good signs on the economic horizon. At the same time, there are a number of puzzling unfavorable factors. The Annalist puts the case accurately, when it says: "There would be more assurance of a continuation of the present recovery movement if there were not so many individual indicators that by this time should be reflecting the recovery movement, but thus far have done so either not at all or to a limited extent."

Many experts think that in the near future the rate of recovery may tend to slow—but that the movement will go ahead, even though it is in second or low gear. It is an important fact that most business leaders are not greatly worried about what the next Congress will do—they feel that our lawmakers, after earnest analysis of the last election returns, will veer steadily to the right.

A few business briefs of interest follow:

PRICES: Commodity prices recently took a fairly sharp drop, though they were well supported and there was no danger of a crash in values. The whole price situation is confused and rather chaotic, and is one of the least bright spots in the business picture.

CREDIT: Bank deposits are at almost an all-time high—which means there is an abundant credit basis for business expansion. It will remain to be seen whether business loans will increase accordingly. So far, they haven't.

STEEL: Index of production is only a fair level. The trend is upward, but no great betterment is expected for the next month or two.

LIFE INSURANCE: This industry's sales are often a good index of purchasing power. Recently they have shown substantial improvement. But this improvement is, most think, due largely to the fact that the companies, because of investment conditions, have been forced to reduce their guaranteed "dividends." Prospective buyers have rushed to purchase policies under the old, more favorable terms.

MOTORS: Is booming along in fine shape. The American public's appetite for cars is apparently insatiable—and it also appears that many families will sacrifice almost anything else in order to obtain a new model.

CONSTRUCTION: Is steadily improving, especially in the residential field, when adjustment for seasonal trends is made. This is one of the best phases of the entire recovery movement.

Nebraska Accident Survey

Nebraska's accident picture remained much the same as figures for the week ending December 10, 1938 came to two hundred seventy-seven—one short of two hundred seventy-eight last week. The number of those injured or killed showed only a slight rise to one hundred ninety-one over the one hundred ninety total for the period ending December 3, 1938. Deaths, however, dropped from seventeen to twelve. The children's situation is somewhat better with two children reported killed, one disabled, and nineteen injured.

Motor Vehicle Mishaps Reverse Trend

Motor vehicle accidents reversed their trend and rose to one hundred fourteen from one hundred eight last record. The casualty list dropped from seventy-nine to sev-

enty-eight. Three persons, two of them seventy years of age or more, died in automobile accidents this week. An elderly farmer died instantly in a car-train crash near Odessa. A Bellwood woman succumbed to injuries incurred when she was struck by a car there. An escaped convict was killed in an accident near Fullerton. In the investigation which followed, the speedometer was found to be jammed at eighty miles per hour. A man was disabled in a collision on the highway east of North Bend, a girl sustained a disability when struck by a car in McCook, and another man lost an eye in car mishap in Falls City.

Great encouragement has been derived from the news that in the first ten months of 1938, Nebraska has reduced its accidents thirty per cent and now is in fifth place among the states. This is particularly fine when it is known that this rating is in competition with states like Michigan, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and others that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on safety programs extending over a period of years. Credit for this splendid record can be given to the organizations in Nebraska working for safety, the enforcement officers, and to the Nebraska Safety Patrol who have just completed their first year of efficient service. Another rating received is that in Group B, those states consuming between two and five billion gallons of gasoline over a ten-year period, Nebraska is in second place. It is hoped that the Christmas and holiday traffic will be composed of drivers who in no way will mar Nebraska's accomplishments in the cause of safety. It pays to be careful.

Of forty-one collisions only seventeen persons were injured while eleven were hurt when drivers lost control of their cars. Six were injured in wrecks resulting from mechanical defects in automobiles, skidding contributed four injuries to the list, six pedestrians were struck down by cars and injured, blinding lights caused accidents in which five were hurt, three were injured when drivers fell asleep, and two were hurt when parked cars were struck. A railroad crossing mishap, a car fire, and no lights on a car each accounted for one injury and five fell from moving vehicles and were injured. Five injuries were attributed to car-farm mixups, two sustained hand injuries because of cars, and two were badly cut by broken windshields.

Five hit and run drivers were recorded this week and one intoxicated driver figured in an accident.

Other public mishaps showed a slight decrease as the figure dropped from fifty-four last week to fifty for this period. The list of injuries and deaths, however, increased from thirty-seven to thirty-nine. A boy died of blood poisoning as the result of an injury suffered while playing football. A man fell from a tree while hunting and died of his injuries.

Eleven sustained injuries in play or sports this week with only two of that number occurring at school. Thirteen were injured in falls, two were hurt when guns accidentally discharged, one was burned, and one was cut. Five are suffering from infection caused by ticks, sandburrs, and bruises; a boy was

badly bitten by a dog, a woman sustained an eye injury, and a man injured his face. Twelve public fires were recorded.

Contrary to the preceding category, Agricultural accidents stepped up slightly from forty-one last week to forty-three for this period. Those injured or killed totaled thirty-one, however, in contrast to thirty-four last period. Two farmers died of injuries sustained when they were attacked by farm animals and another died of hurts received when he was caught in the belt of an elevator. A man was disabled when he caught his hand in a corn sheller, and another was disabled in a buzz saw accident.

Five were injured in falls, five more were hurt by farm animals, four were cut, and three were injured by machinery. Three were hurt in runaways, three more had arm or hand injuries, two hurt their eyes, and another was injured in a wood chopping accident. Fourteen fires were reported.

While the accident total in the Industry group stepped down from twenty-one to nineteen this period, the list of deaths and injuries rose from twelve to eighteen. A cook died of burns sustained when the stove exploded and a fall proved fatal to a livestock commission man. Five persons sustained painful burns, two were hurt in falls, three railroad mishaps resulted in a like number of injuries, one was injured by machinery, two were struck by flying objects and hurt, and three suffered respectively an injured foot, hand, and hip. Four fires occurred.

Home accidents continued their downward trend from fifty-four last week to fifty-one for this period. Twenty-five were on the casual list as compared to twenty-eight of the previous record. An elderly man died as the result of a fall, and another died of burns sustained in a fire. Thirteen were injured in falls, four were burned, one was cut, two children sustained nose injuries, a woman narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation, and a man was hurt when a stove fell on him. There were twenty-eight fires.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Block, of Walnut, announce the birth of a son on Sunday, December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halstead, of Inman, announce the birth of a son on Sunday, December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Van Horn, of Ewing, announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldry Gaskill announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, December 21.

Lutheran Church Notes
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to the trembling shepherds on Bethlehem's plains, and reads thus: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." That is a glad message for every human being. That is Gospel. God sent His Son that in Him every person might find a Savior. This Gospel excludes no one. Even the worst sinner may come to Jesus and receive forgiveness from Him. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Why not spend an hour Christmas afternoon with us celebrating the birthday of Him who came into this world to save you? The service will begin at 3 o'clock and will be held in the Assembly room in the basement of the new Court house. Pastor F. J. Rath, of Atkinson will have charge of the service.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. F. S. Thompson, who has been visiting relatives here the past ten days, left Tuesday afternoon for Grand Island where she will take the train for a visit of a couple of weeks with her son and will then leave for her home at San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Thompson came here to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Mary McClellan. William Egger drove her to Grand

Island, where she boarded the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomolka, of Inman, drove to Bristol last Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novak. Mr. Novak lost his leg in an auto accident north of this city a couple of months ago, but Mr. Janousek says he is getting along nicely.



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Oatmeal	Gold Medal Brand 5-lb. bag	19c
Cornmeal	Yellow or White 5-lb. bag	12c
Syrup	Golden Table 10-lb. pail	49c
Stokely Peas	Something Fancy No. 2 size can	15c
Stokely's Corn	Whole grain, Yellow or White 2 No. 2 size	25c
Tomato Juice	Stokely's Brand 50-oz. can	23c
Ginger Snaps	2 Lbs.	17c
Pumpkin	Solid Pack No. 2 1/2 can	10c
Peaches	Nile Brand 2 No. 2 1/2 cans	25c
Milk	Northfield Brand 3 Tall cans	17c
Salmon	Alaska Pink 2 Tall cans	23c
Salad Dressing	Crown Brand Full quart	23c
Corn	Standard Grade 3 No. 2 cans	19c
Tooth Picks	Pkg.	03c
Cherry Chocolates	1-lb. box	19c

Fresh Meats

Sirloin Steaks	Swift's Corn-fed Lb.	22c
Pure Lard	2 Lbs.	19c
Roasts	Boned and Rolled Lb.	23c

Wishing you a Merry, Merry Christmas, we will be seeing you at the

IDEAL MARKET

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