



DINNER GIVEN FOR JUDGE DICKSON ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

Members of Bar Association Are Present. Present Judge Dickson An Engraved Watch.

A birthday dinner was given Judge Robert R. Dickson at the Golden hotel Tuesday evening, November 21st, at seven-thirty. Thirty guests were present.

The dinner was given by Mrs. Dickson and daughters, Marjorie, Marion and Nancy, and members of the bar were invited.

Lawyers from outside the district who spoke were Hugh J. Boyle, of Norfolk; Lyle E. Jackson, of Neligh; Fred S. Berry, of Wayne; Webb Rice, of Norfolk; Lawrence Chapman, of Omaha, and J. C. Alexander, of Orchard. Many letters and telegrams of congratulation, and also regrets were read by Ted McElhany, reporter.

During the dinner, and in commemoration of the occasion, George A. Farman, Jr., presented the judge with a beautifully monogrammed watch, which was engraved with his name, the date of his 70th birthday and its presentation by his lawyer friends. Judge Dickson, in accepting the watch, expressed his appreciation in a very fitting manner.

The tables were set in the form of a courtroom. The judge's bench, jury box, lawyers' tables, witness seat and county officials being designated with orange placards. The decoration was most attractive with bronze pompons, autumn leaves and tall bronze and yellow tapers, with two large flags. The place cards were red and white with the Judge's picture, the name, date and "twenty-two years" were in old English type. Copper ash trays were given each guest.

The dinner was carried out in autumn colors. A large birthday cake with seventy candles, was a replica of the judge sitting on the bench with his law books, and the 22 years represented his years of service.

Of the twenty-eight lawyers practicing in Holt county when Judge Dickson came here in 1887, there are only two now alive: J. A. Rice, of Stuart, who was ill, and H. E. Murphy who sat at the Judge's right, and in a very happy way referred to the Judge's early history and other members of the bar in Holt county.

The Judge will always cherish the memory book containing the sentiments of the guests.

Play Fourth of Series of Bridge Games

Friday night at the Golden hotel, was held the fourth of a series of eight games of bridge to be played between north and south and east and west players.

Winners of the north and south group were Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin with a high of 116½ points. Second high was won by Helen Biglin and Marjorie Dickson; third, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin, and fourth by the Misses Grace and Margaret Joyce.

Winners of the east and west group were Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell and Mrs. R. R. Morrison, with 114 points. Second high of the east and west group were Mr. and Mrs. Irl Hicks; third, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond, and fourth, Mrs. F. J. Biglin and Mrs. J. J. Harrington.

Boys Hunting Run Across A Bunch of Wild Puppies

Nine puppies were found in the "jungles" south of the Charles and Ray Lawrence farm on the Elkhorn south of here last Sunday by Edward Kirkpatrick, Volney Marshall and Ted Rhode, boys who were hunting rabbits. All but one of the pups disappeared quicker than one could say "cat", according to one of the huntsmen. The "tame" pup was taken home by Marshall. A description of the pups fits that of lobo wolves, believed to be half domestic dog and half coyote.

About 100 tons of concrete gutter work in front of business buildings in the vicinity of the Grady IGA store here has been ripped up and the pile lying nearby tells a convincing story of a town about to become a city. How many workmen are to be employed is difficult to determine in the turmoil of getting things lined up for the huge task.

Mrs. Otto Walter and small daughter, Ruth Anna, of Stanton, Neb., after visiting Mrs. Walter's sister, Mrs. Frank Valla, and her father, Peter Reifers, here one week, returned home Wednesday night.

Report Monsignor Cassidy Unchanged

Thursday before noon the latest report from the bedside of Right Reverend Monsignor M. F. Cassidy, ill at St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, indicated there had been no change in his condition. The Monsignor had been reported seriously ill, then came a change for the better.

JOHN M. FLANNIGAN TO SERVE SENTENCE

Convicted here by a jury in district court May 28, 1932, John M. Flannigan, former banker at Stuart, must serve six years in the penitentiary, according to the supreme court, which late last week upheld the finding of the court here.

The presiding judge here was Harry D. Landis, of Seward, sitting here by request of Judge Dickson who asked the supreme court to send another judge to appease the Principal, who alleged he could not get a fair trial otherwise.

James C. Flannigan, who also was an officer of the closed Citizen's bank at Stuart, is serving a five to 10 year sentence at Lincoln. Albert E. Flannigan, who had been convicted at Bassett on a charge originating in a failed bank there, was ordered retried by the supreme court, and, at Bassett, a few weeks ago, a jury could not agree and Albert is awaiting developments.

At Ainsworth recently, Michael J. Flannigan, fourth of the brothers to face banking law violation charges, was cleared of an embezzlement charge by a directed verdict ordered by Judge Robert R. Dickson.

St. Mary's Boys Win Junior Football Game

Last Saturday, the braves of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of St. Mary's academy and the locals of the same grades of the public school mixed on a juvenile football field west of the fairgrounds, the academy eleven winning 19 to 6.

Donald Mitchell, giving an account of the battle, said: "Jiggs Van Evert got laid out when four fat players jumped on his head and another hit him in the stomach. Gerald Leach tackled Clelland and flattened his nose which caused us to lose the game." The referees were Leonard Bergstrom and Robert Kersenbrock. The "Pubs" claim the academy lads during the excitement used from 15 to 18 players.

Hold Court of Honor For Covered Wagon Area

A court of honor for the North Central district of the Covered Wagon area of the Boy Scouts of America was held Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian church here and the following local boys, besides some from Orchard, received merit badges:

Tenderfoot: Virgin Johnson, Junior Toy, Hugh McKenna, Willis Bachman and Jimmie Herre. The badges were presented by Harold Denny, principal of the public school here.

Second Class: William Maxwell. First Class: John Vincent. Ralph Johnson received two merit badges, one in chemistry and one in civics. The second class badges were presented by Wesley Jossiason, of Norfolk, and the first class badges were presented by Henry Alpschuler, of Madison, chairman of the Elkhorn Valley district.

The following were elected officers of this district: Rev. H. D. Johnson, O'Neill, Chairman; Rev. Riggs, of Orchard, Commissioner, and Dr. J. M. Pucilek, of Spencer, was elected chairman of the court of honor.

John W. Wright, of Omaha, scout executive, rendered a stirring address of interest to those interested in boys.

Gun Club Elects Officers

Last Thursday the officers of the O'Neill Gun Club were re-elected. They are, Fred Robertson, president; Bert Gunn, vice-president; Ira Moss, secretary, and Jess Scofield, field captain. The meeting was in the band hall.

Members of this club decided at the meeting to hold a public fowl shoot Thanksgiving day afternoon, the prizes to be turkeys, geese, ducks or chickens, and for those who do not care to shoot there is to be dice and cards to test ones luck.

ASSERTS CORN AND HOG REDUCTION IS A FARM NECESSITY

Secretary Wallace Says Packers Are Bitterly Opposed To Corn-Hog Program.

Farmers cannot be defeated in the program to raise corn and hog prices unless they defeat themselves, is the opinion of the men who helped work out the corn-hog adjustment plan.

Adjustment of production to the market that actually exists will bring about the only permanent improvement in farm prices, the federal administration contends. Foreign markets have disappeared. Domestic markets can be improved to some extent by putting men back to work, but American consumers have never eaten up all the American hog crop.

Both agriculture and labor need to get back to their 11 billion dollar income to which both groups are entitled, in order to pay interest and taxes and have a reasonable amount left over for food, clothing, shelter and amusement.

Agriculture might be likened to a man's right leg, labor to his left leg. Some people think the right leg should be moved forward several steps before the left leg moves at all, and other people would have the left leg do all the hopping. Satisfactory progress will not be made until first one leg and then the other moves. In the recovery and adjustment program, the right leg took the first step last summer but the left leg is out in front at the present time. Some people would pull it back. The sensible thing to do is to speed along the wheat and the corn-hog adjustment plans in order to take another step with the right leg as quickly as possible.

The more rapidly the corn-hog program can be whipped into shape in Washington, explained to Nebraska farmers, considered and accepted by them, the more quickly will the right leg move.

"Many people say there should be no acreage control of farm products so long as there is a single hungry or ragged person in the United States. If I thought that acreage control would force one person in this country to go hungry or ragged, I would not for a moment approve it," Secretary Wallace of the U. S. Department of Agriculture said.

"Even in the prosperous days of 1929, we could not possibly consume all the produce on our farms. If all of our people were consuming pork and lard at the rate they did in the more prosperous years, we would still have a surplus of several million head of hogs over and beyond our needs. The American consumer has never eaten up the American hog crop.

"If we reduce hog production as much as we can hope to reduce it in the next year thru the corn-hog plan, we will still have enough pork not only to sell to wage earners at a fair price, and to those foreign purchasers who still buy, but we will also have enough to sell to the federal emergency relief corporation at a lower price for distribution to the unemployed. I cannot say it too strongly. Nobody will starve if we reduce hog production, but farmers will go without the necessities of life if we don't."

Commenting upon the Secretary's statement, W. H. Brokaw, director of the Nebraska agricultural extension service, which will have charge of the corn-hog adjustment program, said: "I could name a dozen or more things my family and I need badly and which we would get if we thought we could afford them. I might contend that no factory should curtail its production as long as my needs are not taken care of. That line of reasoning is the same as used by the person who says farm production should not be adjusted as long as people are hungry and poorly clothed."

"It is foolish to ignore the fact that the agricultural adjustment program is being opposed bitterly," Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, told the Land Grant college men at Chicago this past week, W. H. Brokaw of the Nebraska agricultural college extension service reported on his return to Lincoln.

"Packers don't like the program," Wallace said. "They wanted a processing tax of only ten cents per hundred pounds at the start, gradually increasing to no more than 60 cents. The present tax is 50 cents per cwt., increasing gradually to two dollars by next February. We have had to argue about that with the packers all summer long. But the program had to be continued on page 4, column 1.)

SUNDAY PRAIRIE FIRE DESTROYS MUCH HAY

Starting mysteriously near the Northwestern railway right-of-way near the old Dry creek bridge, about three miles east of here at a few minutes before one o'clock last Sunday afternoon, a prairie fire pushed by a slow westerly breeze, swept over a strip of ground about two miles long on land of the Michael Gallagher, Jens Hanson and Elmer Wolf farms.

About 12 stacks of hay were destroyed having an estimated total value of about \$500. Hundreds of fence posts and about 160 acres of pasture fall feed were lost. Fence posts constituted most of the loss to the railway company, while a long strip of company ground was cleared of vegetation.

About 50 farmers fought the blaze for several hours and considered themselves lucky in stopping its progress at the north and south section line near the Wolf farm, Elmer Wolf stated.

Emmet Girl Is Winner of Free Trip To Chicago

Seventeen boys and girls from Nebraska, winners of the Chicago and North Western Railway's prize trips to Chicago for the Inter Livestock Exposition and 12th Annual Boys and Girls Club Congress will leave their counties on the week-end of December 1 to attend those shows which will run from December 2 to December 9 in that city. These 17 trips are part of 102 prize trips offered by the railway.

Maxine McConnell, of Emmet, was named as the winner from Holt county.

These boys and girls are going on trips which are given every year by the Chicago and North Western Railway to those who are most proficient in the raising of livestock and in home economics. The soliciting was left entirely up to the state agricultural authorities and the state schools working thru county agricultural agents.

The prize trip in each case is equal to the cost of one round-trip to Chicago from the station at which the winner lives, the tickets being good during the period of the International Livestock Exposition.

O'Neill And Burwell Tangle

The football classic of north Nebraska has been arranged to occur here Friday, Nov. 24, when the public high school elevens of O'Neill and Burwell pit muscles, minds and maneuver against tough foes who are going to bring home the bacon or bust their belts trying to do so.

Coach Stolte says his men are in hard lines but are going to show the Burwell braves how to bite dust. Bernard Madison is suffering a flock of all-too-friendly boils on his right hand; Beachey Medlin has an injured shoulder which refuses to track with its mate, and Fred Cole, senior tackle, has been ill and in his bed one week, although he hates beds and would vote against them.

The O'Neill eleven is tied for the championship of the Niobrara Valley conference and the Burwell eleven is tied for the championship of the Loup Valley conference.

Why Be Hungry With An Abundance of Dogs?

A young full-blooded Sioux Indian squaw stopped in O'Neill between buses this week, and, unlike so many of her race, she was a fluent talker and highly educated. This woman knew every other Siouan between Valentine and Chadron and the easternmost limits of Sioux habitations.

She related a harrowing history of the white man's mistreatment of her race and claimed the red skins had the fault of being unable to present a united front when demanding redress for some wrong or in asking something due them.

The traveler claimed her race always takes care of orphaned children rather than house them in an orphan home.

Noticing many dogs here, she remarked that it is a fact her people ate them and that many of them like nothing better at present than a bowl of dog soup or steak from some fat cat-chaser. For the life of her, she could not see how people here could envision the spectre of starvation where there are so many dogs. Affection, she said, was hard to overcome when some dog was about to be butchered, but hunger riding in the saddle, always slew affection along with the dog.

Local fuel quotations: cottonwood, green, steady at \$3.50; dry, firm, too much so if you axe me, \$4, delivered.

Long Dry Spell Is Broken

A slow rain began to fall early Thursday here and up to 10:30 forenoon, Harry Bowen reported his gauge at the court house registered just one fourth inch.

This is the first rain since September 26th which was heavy enough to get a reading.

SEARCH FOR SCHOOL GIRL MISSING SINCE MONDAY MORNING

Garnet Butterfield Has Not Been Seen Since 10:30 Monday Morning. Sheriff Notified.

Garnet, 18, daughter of Elmer Butterfield, farmer on the Ryland Parker farm on the Elkhorn river about one mile southeast of here, walked out of the public school building here last Monday morning about 10:30 and seems to have disappeared without leaving any trace.

Intensive search here and around Walnut, in Knox county, where the family has numerous relatives, and in the eastern part of this county, where the family is well known, revealed nothing as to the present stopping place of the girl.

It is believed the girl took no extra clothing nor any considerable amount of money, and her father, who reported the disappearance to Sheriff Peter W. Duffy and Deputy Bergstrom Wednesday afternoon, state Garnet had no boy nor girl chums except her sisters.

Garnet had been in the eleventh grade here and is a bright and likeable girl. The family has lived here since last March 1. The father has been driving about night and day since Monday in an effort to locate or get a trace of his daughter.

School authorities, friends, relatives, students and neighbors could throw no light on the mysterious disappearance of the student who passed from view in broad daylight after setting down her books at the school Monday morning.

Atkinson Confers With Board On Relief Work

Relative to a number of relief projects in and near Atkinson, a conference was held here Thursday between Dr. Neil P. McKee, Tidy Miller, Tom Campbell and Frank Brady, of Atkinson, and the county board and Max Johnson, local federal relief administrator.

It was proposed that a road north of Atkinson be repaired and graded, one four miles long between Bush creek and Porter's bridge, on the Niobrara be worked, that a street in the south part of Atkinson be graded, repaired and extended, and that the old highway running about four miles west from Atkinson be graded and repaired.

No decision has been made on the proposals as far as could be learned.

Boys Playing With Matches Burn Barn

A report was received here Monday indicating that Sunday at about four o'clock in the afternoon, a large barn on the farm of Clarence A. Strong, farmer, living south of Opportunity and about 13 miles northeast of O'Neill, was entirely destroyed by fire started by Lester, 4, and Gene Strong, 5, who had been playing with matches in the building.

As far as could be learned, there was no insurance.

Lions and Legion Vote To Make Swim Pool

At a meeting held by members of the Lions club and American Legion Thursday evening, it was decided to use the concrete which is being dug out along the north side of Douglas street, to make a dam in the Elkhorn river for a swimming pool.

The dam will be placed in the Tom Donlin pasture about 200 yards west of the river bridge on highway 281.

Last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenna, a birthday party was held for Hugh, 12, their son. Games were played and lunch served to 13 guests. Those present were Harold Hunt, Bobby Sauers, Don Medlin, Junior Toy, Gene McKenna, Veldon Wyant, Paul Wyant, Jack Britell, Fred Halva, Richard Loy, Edward McManus, Ralph, Virgil and Clelland Johnson.

O'Neill men, accompanied by their wives, who attended a dance last Saturday night at Oak View Park were: George Mitchell, John Abbott, Thomas Edwards, Claude Hamilton, Earl Yenglen and Lawrence Adams.

FRACTURES SKULL IN FALLING FROM A MOVING AUTOMOBILE

Albert Fernholz Works Monday, Unaware of His True Condition Until Tuesday Afternoon.

Albert Fernholz, 21, son of Joseph Fernholz, farmer located southeast of Emmet, passed thru a peculiar series of occurrences last Saturday night, according to his sister, Dorothy, 20, employed at the residence of Mrs. M. F. Harrington here.

According to the sister, Albert, her brother, fell from a moving automobile here and, although slightly hurt, thought little of the mishap.

Albert went to the home of his father and was bothered by an increasingly severe headache and commenced taking headache tablets in belief he was dealing with a common headache.

He went to work Monday and pitched hay all day, but the headache increased, and Tuesday afternoon, toward evening, he came to O'Neill and consulted a physician who pronounced the trouble a fractured skull.

Albert's head, according to Dorothy, had been broken since Saturday without his knowledge of it and only severe pains caused discovery of the break.

The patient was taken home and placed in his bed from whence his friends are hoping to hear only reports of steady progress toward full recovery.

AUTO STRUCK BY SWITCHED RAIL CAR

A Burlington freight locomotive, at 10:30 Sunday forenoon, knocking off box cars on a siding three blocks east of the depot, struck a Dodge passenger automobile, with the end of a caboose. John McNichols was driving the automobile. Others in the car were Mrs. Patrick H. McNichols, John's mother, and Mrs. Thomas Markey.

No one was injured, although the three were shaken and somewhat frightened. The car was pushed along the railway about 40 feet, one rear wheel being crushed, the top wrecked and the automobile wrenched out of shape in many places.

It is thought the accident was due to side curtains preventing clear visibility. Damage to the car was roughly estimated at \$75.

The automobile was traveling north and the box car and caboose west, both at moderate speeds.

Work Is Begun On Munny Skating Pond

Last Sunday John Osenbaugh surveyed, and Max Johnson, federal relief man here, drove the stakes on the site of the municipal ice skating project west of the Texaco service station. Ray Calvert came along, and as usual, just had to lend a hand or something, so he fetched spades and wheelbarrows for which the administrator and surveyor are doubly thankful. Mr. Johnson has furnished workmen to Dug Hunt for street work and men are sent to work on the pond project temporarily and until more permanent work is available.

California Has Drawbacks

Californians like to elaborate on the greatness of population and the insignificance of earthquakes. Here is one related here recently by a visitor from California.

John S. Kirwin, raised on the Elkhorn river west of here, although that is about all that was raised there for several years, long ago, and now employed by a construction company near Los Angeles, was driving his automobile to the far side of Los Angeles to see a relative. He tried all day to route himself so he would miss congested traffic. At sundown, he found he was farther from the relative than he was before he started the journey.

Mrs. Thomas Markey, 65, one of the occupants of the John McNichols automobile, switched accidentally about the Burlington yards a bit last Sunday, was found to have broken a shoulder blade, thought to have been suffered in the accident Sunday. Pain in her shoulder Monday caused the revelation, it was reported from the Markey farm home.

Last Wednesday the seniors of the public high school, after considering many mottos, accepted this one as the official one for the class of 1934: "Tonight we launch; where do we anchor?" The sponsors of the class are Superintendent Roy W. Carroll and Miss Ruth Kraemer, Latin teacher.