

Roads Drying After Long, Long Wet Winter

Though many side roads have dried up nicely the past week there are still mud holes here and there and some people are still unable to get out with their cars. Coverts and grades have been washed out but are being repaired as fast as possible. Two coverts were put in west of 8th Center School Friday April 8th.

WSSS Elects New Officers for Year
The Women's Society of Christian Service met Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church with Mrs. Herman Holcomb and Mrs. Guis Wintermute hostesses. There were 20 present. Mrs. Genevieve Bell opened the devotionals with a call to worship and a meditation, followed by a litany on Rural Life. Mrs. C. V. Robertson presented the lesson on "New Light for Town and Country".

Mrs. Lavern Hoerle, Mrs. T. E. Alderson, Mrs. Raymond Shoemaker, and Mrs. Clarence Damme participated in a panel discussion which was led by Mrs. Darrel Gillette. Mrs. E. R. Carpenter gave a report on "Rural Work" from the Methodist Woman, and Country Deaconess, from Together magazine.

The President, Mrs. T. E. Newhouse, presided at the business session. There were several communications, reports and cards of thanks read. Plans were made for a carload to attend the district meeting in Wayne on April 19th. It was decided to have a "Day Apart Service" on Thursday afternoon April 14 at the church. It was also decided to collect eyeglasses for the needy. Members are asked to bring any eye glasses they are not using to the next meeting.

The following officers were elected for next year: President Mrs. Guis Wintermute, Vice Pres. Mrs. Steve Shavlik, Sec. Mrs. T. E. Alderson, Treas. Mrs. A. B. Hubbard, Promotion Mrs. Glen Adams, Missionary Mrs. James Grimes, Spiritual Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, Christian Social Relations Mrs. Ray Beed and Local Church activities Mrs. Anna Albers.
Lunch was served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes arrived home Wednesday from California where they had spent the winter. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Grimes met them in Grand Island.

A group of neighbors banded hay for Melvin Bell last Wednesday. Several neighbors have helped with the feeding and chores since he was injured.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cox made a business trip to Bartlett Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter were dinner guests Sunday of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens and family at Atkinson. The occasion was Mr. Stevens birthday.

A fine program of sacred and secular music, presented by the "Master Melodists," a male quartet from Iowa, was well attended at the Chambers Methodist church Sunday evening, April 10. Fellowship and lunch followed the program. Quite a number from the Amelia community attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lambert and family drove to Albion Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Bowman.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Werner spent Friday and Saturday in Lincoln. They went to attend graduation exercises of the Lincoln School of Commerce held at the Cornhusker Hotel. Connie Werner was among the graduates.

Mrs. Nellie Starr returned home Sunday from Arnolds Park, Ia., where she had spent the winter with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bill Starr. Her son Donald of West Point brought her to Chambers.

Doreen Gled, who attends the Nebraska State University at Lincoln, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gled.

A very nice baby shower was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leonard Peterson, honoring Mrs. Leo Urban and new baby. The afternoon was spent visiting. Lunch was served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner visited in the James Coventry home at Inman Sunday where their niece and husband Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hartigan of Lexington were guests. Sunday dinner guests in the H.W. Hubbard home were Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard and Rickey, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shavlik and Pam and Mrs. A. B. Hubbard all of Chambers. The dinner was in honor of Dr. Eason's birthday.

The following children received baptism Sunday at the Methodist church: Michael Wayne, Steven Paul, and Craig Jon Gersirtech, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gersirtech, and Ernest Durie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller and Glenn visited in the Arnold Stewart home at Page Sunday. The Robert Greys of Page were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Mikkelsen visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanderson and children, at Stanton Sunday.

It is not an easy job. Besides the lawn which requires cutting, weeding and fertilizing just like any home owner's front yard, there are many bushes and trees that need care.

Kahler has had a lot of experience at the job. He came to Lincoln when the present structure was being built and was employed as a stone cutter on the Capitol. Crews from the State Penitentiary help when the weeds start getting away from Kahler. However, the genial groundskeeper's assessment of when weeds are a menace would vary considerably from the average householder who begins to worry when about a third of the lawn is producing a good crop of dandelions.

Cutting of the king-size lawn is a considerable undertaking. In recent years the state has cut down mowers upon which the operator can ride, cutting wear and tear on workers who formerly pushed the regular gasoline type cutters.

Road Damage
Floods caused an estimated half million dollars damage to eastern Nebraska state highways. The Acting State Engineer John Hosack estimates it probably will

take two years to eliminate the flood damage.

Biggest single item will be a bridge over the Niobrara river near Niobrara, estimated to cost around \$400,000. John McMeekin, state maintenance engineer, figures it will cost about 100,000 to re-route marl flag and make temporary repairs to grades, surfaces and bridge approaches, just to get traffic moving again.

The wet weather also is expected to slow speed of construction this spring.

Brand Inspection
A committee of state senators studying a controversial subject—the cattle brand area—has come up with an initial report.

The committee, headed by Sen. J. W. Burbach of Crofton, probably will not recommend a change in the brand area. Cattle moved out of the area must be state inspected. The committee's report is the first completed of 16 similar committees studying other state problems.

Reports will be submitted to the Legislative Council in November at which time content of them will be made public. Other committees still are conducting hearings or in the process of making recommendations.

On Guard
Operation On Guard, Nebraska's flood preparation activity, was in effect 17 days in the statehouse.

During that time, officials report, an estimated 3,200 man hours went into the operation. Workers consumed more than 900 cups of coffee.

About 20 officers and men manned the office in shifts of up to 25 consecutive hours.

The operation began in the rotunda of the Capitol on the second floor, then shifted to the civil defense headquarters on the ground level after heavy activity.

Refunds
Farmers got \$695,136 in refunds in March of taxes they paid on gasoline used in agriculture, the State Treasurer's office says. Staff members reported this was one of the largest monthly refund totals ever recorded by the office. It was theorized that the reason for this was that farmers were handicapped with work by the long winter and took time out to fix up their accumulated claims for refunds.

Election Deadlines
Secretary of State Frank Marsh says there still are some important election deadlines before the May 10 primary election.

The secretary said April 25 is the deadline for political committees to file a report of their expenses and the final day for appointment of judges and clerks for the primary.

On April 26, Marsh said, will be the final day for announcement by the State Central Committee of both parties of the delegates allotted to each county for state conventions.

April 29 is the deadline for voter registration in Omaha and Lincoln.

coln and this same deadline is April 30 for cities from 7,000 to 40,000.

Marsh added that April 30 is also the first day county clerks will receive applications and deliver disabled voter ballots. It is also the first day for publishing the sample ballot.

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