

### P. W. Hitchcock Last Territorial Delegate

The 6th and—not counting the period of T. M. Marquette, the first congressman from Nebraska, served as delegate prior to the state's admission into the union—last territorial delegate to congress was Phineas W. Hitchcock. Though Mr. Hitchcock, the father of Sen. Gilbert M. Hitchcock, is best known for his later career as United States senator, his campaign for the post of territorial delegate in 1864 created a great stir in Nebraska politics.

Phineas Hitchcock was born in New Lebanon, N.Y., November 30, 1831, and came of New England stock. After a common school education in New York, he attended Williams college, graduating in 1855. After graduation he worked as a newspaper reporter in central New York state and studied law on the side.

Shortly after his admission to the bar, however, he got the urge to go west, and in 1857 he settled in Omaha, then only a frontier village, despite the fact that it was the capitol and most important community in Nebraska territory.

The next year he married Annie Monell, the daughter of Dr. Gilbert C. Monell, also a native New Yorker and a pioneer Nebraskan. In Omaha, young Mr. Hitchcock practiced law and engaged in business; for a time he was one of the owners of the Omaha Republican, an important territorial newspaper.

Like many another young man of ability and ambition who came to Nebraska territory, Mr. Hitchcock soon was attracted to politics. In 1860 he was a delegate to the republican national convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency. The next year, President Lincoln appointed him marshal of Nebraska territory. Later he was surveyor-general of the territory.

The most important aspect of his territorial political career, however, was his campaign in 1864 for the position of delegate to congress.

Hitchcock was nominated by the new union party with which the republican party fused in 1864. His democratic opponent was Dr. George L. Miller, who the next year was to found the Omaha Herald, fore-runner, incidentally, of the Omaha World-Herald, with which Phineas Hitchcock's son, Gilbert, was so long identified.

The campaign was a bitter one. Doctor Miller was a vigorous opponent of the Lincoln administration and its conduct of the Civil war. Nebraska territory was overwhelmingly sympathetic to the Union cause, and in some communities Doctor Miller felt obliged to have an armed guard. Hitchcock won easily, with a majority of 1,087 out of a total of 5,885 votes cast.

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### Things You Should Know About School Leases

Since the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has resumed the sale of school leases in Holt County, the Holt County School Land Lease-Holders think that the people should be informed as to what they are buying when they purchase a school lease.

Some people have the impression that they are getting a deed to school land when they purchase a lease. Such is not the case. When a lease is put up for auction the successful bidder secures a lease which gives him the privilege of renting the land for a period of 12 years, at a rental to be determined by the "Board." This rental can be raised at any time by the board. The purchaser of the lease pays the full amount of the bonus at the time of purchase. Any improvements will be appraised by the Board of Supervisors, in case the old and new lease-holders can not agree on the value of the improvements. The new lease-holder pays the appraisal cost. The purchaser of the lease will pay the amount of the appraised value of the improvements to the County Treasurer, to be held in escrow for the former lease-holder. If the appraised value of the improvements is not satisfactory to either party he may appeal to District Court.

If the lease-holder, who secures a lease by being high bidder at public auction, desires to assign his lease to another party for a valuable consideration, the state receives one-half of the consideration of the assignment, exclusive of the value of the improvements. Whenever an application to assign a lease is made to the "Board," the "Board" may put up the lease for auction if they deem it in the best interests of the state, one-half of the consideration received, exclusive of the value of the improvements, must be paid to the "Board." For example: If a man gives a bonus of \$2,500.00 for a lease (12 year) and then after 2 years he assigns the lease for \$2,000.00, the state would receive \$1,000.00 of the assignment price of \$2,000.00.

Bidders on a lease should bear in mind that the payment of a high bonus by any purchaser will enable the "Board" to raise the valuation of the land, which will increase the rental to be paid by the lease-holder. The "Board" will reason that if the land is worth a high bonus then they do not have it appraised high enough.

At the end of the 12 year period the lease will again be put up for auction. The prospective purchaser must realize that there is a question whether the "Board" can execute a valid lease. Those lease-holders whose leases have been cancelled do not have much confidence in the state's word or in a contract with the state. The new 12-year lease will be subject to any further interpretations of the Supreme Court. There is some question, when a lease-holder dies during the term of a lease, as to what rights his heirs may have, the lease might be cancelled and the lease be put up for public auction.

"It is taken for granted by the law that all lease-holders know what they are securing when they execute a lease." They are dealing with the "Board" as "trustees." "In dealing with a trustee, an individual is supposed to know what authority a trustee has and deals with him at his own peril."

Anyone planning on purchasing a school lease should first consult an attorney and find out what he is buying.

**HOLT COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE - HOLDERS**

### No-Knead Dough Used in Demonstration

LYNCH—The Excello Project club met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Sixta Monday evening, January 7, with 13 members present. The club voted a contribution to the polio fund. Mrs. Earl Rosicky and Mrs. Ray Counts mixed, baked and served several different kinds of rolls. They made parker house rolls, clover leaf, lucky clovers, knots, braids, twists, snails, butterflies, crescents, cinnamon, caramel, pecan rolls and a Swedish tea ring. The rolls were made from a no-knead dough.

The next meeting will be held at the Harry Mulhair home February 4 for the second - half of "Baking Quick Breads" with Mrs. Don Allen and Mrs. Earl Rosicky as leaders.

### Other Lynch News

Mrs. Grace Edson returned home Friday from Texas where she visited with her nephew and family the past 3 weeks.

Wallace Courtney was a business visitor in Atkinson Tuesday, January 15.

Naomi Marsten, R.N., of Omaha, is assisting in the Sacred Heart hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Peters and Mrs. Arch Maxwell, of Spencer, spent Sunday, January 13, at the Bill Teadtke home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rihaneck and family spent Sunday, January 20, at the Clarence Kolund home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elver Rohde and daughter, of Cedar Bluffs, Ia., visited at the Edmund Rohde home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffman, of Butte, visited Mrs. Harry Lewis at the hospital Saturday.

The John Manhalter farm north of Lynch, in the Pleasant View vicinity, was sold to Kenneth Johnson last week.

Mrs. Ralph Blomenkamp, of Butte, visited with Mrs. Harry Lewis Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Wade entertained at a prenuptial shower in honor of Miss Twila Tarr, of Butte, on Sunday, January 13. The afternoon was spent visiting after which the bride-elect opened her gifts and passed them around for the guests to view. Refreshments were served in late afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Samuelson and Stevie, of Hartington, spent Sunday at the William Havranek home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett were recent visitors in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jehorek were Butte visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeder were recent visitors at the Frank Kavl home north of Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kirwan, of Ft. Randall, S.D., called at the Theodore Norwood home recently.

Mrs. Joe Slechta, jr., and son are staying at the Ed Whetham home.

The Louis Cranford family, of Spencer, visited at the Frank Cranford home Sunday.

### Circle I Meets

Circle I, of First Presbyterian church, met Thursday, January 17, at the home of Mrs. L. A. Burgess. Mrs. Charles Fox was co-hostess. Eleven members were present.



—The Frontier Engraving

**RECENTLY ADVANCED** . . . Merlyn Anderson (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson, of Redbird, recently was advanced to seaman first-class. He is a gunner aboard the navy's USS APL-27 and at Christmas time was at Subic Bay. Writing his parents recently he told of erecting a Christmas tree in the ship's living quarters and stationing a large electric cross on the top of the ship. He also told of a hurry-up personal inspection conducted by an admiral in which the ship's personnel had only 20 minutes to ready for the event.

### Delayed Gift Exchange for Keller Aid

**CHAMBERS**—The Keller Presbyterian Ladies Aid met Wednesday afternoon, January 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Grimes. The meeting was called to order by the president and opened with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Roll call was taken and there were 15 members, 5 children and 5 visitors present.

Announcement was made of the Sunday - school and church services to be held Sunday evening, January 20, with Reverend Lee, of the O'Neill Presbyterian church, delivering the sermon.

A report was given by Mrs. Bernard Hoffman to be sent to Miss Shipman. It was decided that the Aid would meet at the Ed Eisenhauer home on Wednesday afternoon, January 30.

The lesson, "The Christian Dynamic," was given by the president, Mrs. Elmer Wondersee. The 14 accompanying scriptures, showing how to be the "Christian Dynamic" were read by 14 of the members.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer. We then held our delayed Christmas gift exchange after which our hostess served a lunch of sandwiches, salad and coffee.

### Other Chambers News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth and Mrs. Elwyn Robertson drove to Columbus Monday on business and to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robertson and son, of O'Neill, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Robertson, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Robertson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hanna and Oliver Woods, of Lincoln, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hanna's mother, Mrs. Esther Wood, and Chauncey.

Sunday dinner guests in the Herman Cook home included Mr. and Mrs. John Wintermote, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kiltz and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter.

About 30 stockholders were present at a meeting of the South Fork Telephone company held Saturday, January 19, at the school in Amelia. The president, Hermon Holcomb, was in charge of the meeting. Elected to the board of directors were: Ernie Johnston, L. A. Barnett and Claude Leirman, all of Amelia, and E. R. Carpenter, of Chambers. At a meeting of the board of directors immediately following, Herman Holcomb, of Chambers, was reelected president; L. A. Barnett, of Amelia, vice - president, and Ernie Johnston, of Amelia, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tangeman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schmidt were Sunday supper guests in the Eric Dankert home.

There were 8 ladies present at a party at the home of Mrs. L. O. Lenz on Thursday evening, January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Grossnicklaus attended the funeral of Will Bachaus in Atkinson Saturday January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong and family and Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller and Glen were Sunday dinner guests in the Gene Halsey home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cooper, Arnold, Marie and Erna Zuelke were Sunday guests in the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Johnson, and family at Atkinson.

Vern Sageser, of Amelia, and Edwin Wink, of Chambers, left Sunday for Lincoln to attend a fair convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Werner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elkins and family spent

Sunday at the C. L. Gillespie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Kruse were supper guests Sunday evening in the Steve Sladek home.

Board members of the Holt County Agricultural Society met Thursday evening, January 17, at the Vern Sageser home in Amelia. They were accompanied by their wives, who spent the time socially.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb planned to leave Wednesday, January 23, for Lincoln to attend a I-H club leaders' school. Lawrence Tangeman will take care of the place and do chores. They will be gone until Saturday night.

The Chambers cemetery association met Saturday, January 19, at the Harley hardware.

### EWING NEWS

Several American Legion auxiliary members, of Sanders post 214, gathered at the home of Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck Thursday evening for a carpet bag bee. Others present, who were interested in the project, were: Mrs. Mary Snyder, Mrs. A. H. Marquardt, Mrs. Lloyd Black and Mrs. Helen Sisson. Two portable sewing machines were used while others sewed by hand or prepared the rags for sewing. The evening's work resulted in about 10 pounds of sewing rags which will be sent to a veteran's hospital to be used in occupational therapy. The hostesses pleasantly surprised the group when she served home made ice cream, light and dark cake with coffee, which with the social hour that followed were much enjoyed.

A club dance was held at the Legion club on Thursday evening, January 17. After the party, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lampert invited the group to their country home to enjoy a turkey feed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Archer transacted business in O'Neill on Wednesday, January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Welke and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis were O'Neill visitors Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funk and daughters, Mrs. Lee Spittler and Rosalie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Regan near Inman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Bridge

were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jacobsen.

Mrs. Bertha Urban left Saturday for Genoa where she will be the guest of friends for a few days.

Patsy Pollock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pollock, celebrated her 13th birthday anniversary on Saturday. Festivities for the occasion began when she invited 9 girl friends to attend the Ewing and Inman basketball game at the Ewing high school gym Friday evening. On returning to the Pollock home after the game the girls enjoyed a birthday supper served by Patsy's mother. This was followed by games, contests, music and watching television. At a late hour a slumber party began. Pranks and stunts continued past the usual bedtime for the honored guest and her friends. An 8 o'clock breakfast was served the guests before departing for their homes wishing Patsy many more happy birthdays. Sharon Murray, of O'Neill, who was unable to be present for the party, spent Saturday at the Pollock home.

Victor Marquardt and family, of Laurel, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marquardt.

Mrs. John Wunner entertained a group of ladies at a canasta party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyers and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eacker.

Mrs. Alvin Gibson and daughter, Marcia, were guests Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tomjack and Terry visited George Ponton and family and Mrs. A. E. Ponton at Neligh on Sunday.

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