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## Chicken Thieves are Active in the County Again

### Farm of Troy Murdoch, North of Nehawka Suffers Loss of Chickens

From Friday's Daily—  
The farming section north of Nehawka has again suffered from the visitation of chicken thieves, the first serious offense of this kind since Sheriff Reed and the Plattsmouth police rounded up the gang that was operating in this section and western Iowa, several months ago.

The visitation of the thieves was at the farm of Troy Murdoch, north of Nehawka where some sixty of the fine fat chickens were stolen on Wednesday night. The loss of the chickens was not discovered until Thursday afternoon when a check of the chicks disclosed the fact that a large part of the flock had been taken.

## WILL PRESENT MINSTREL

The dramatic club of the high school are preparing to present a delightful minstrel show at the Farmers' theater on the nights of Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1st and 2nd.

This minstrel will have a chorus and cast of some fourteen black face artists and interlocutor and who will present a fine array of solos, dancing and chorus singing, with the talents of young people of the school in the cast.

The minstrel is under the direction of Miss Martha Gorder, talented musician and who will present the talented young people in their clever show.

## HONOR ROLL OF HIGH SCHOOL

The honor roll of the high school for the third quarter, composed of the students making three or more "A's" for the third quarter, is composed of the following:

- Seniors—Evangeline Craig, Melba Epler, Bernice Hogue, Beatrice Knoflick, Earl Koehle, Robt. Livingston, Ellen Nora Melsinger, Chas. Nowacek, Jeanne Parker, Helen Persinger, Geo. Sayles, Frank Schackneis, Mary Swatek, Alice Taylor.
- Juniors—Riene De Les Derner, Rose Ferrie, Ruth Ferrie, Marie Lutz, Constance Rea, Vesteta Robertson.
- Sophomores—Madge Garnet, Irene Simons, Eleanor Swatek, Helen Wargo, John Becker, Winnifred Rainey, Freshman—Geo. Adam, Donald Bushnell, Margaret Lahoda, Stuart Porter, Marsella Rame, Mata Schackneis, Floyd Shanholz, Eleanor Smetana.

## ENTERTAINS FOR FRIEND

Mrs. Henry C. McMaken was hostess Thursday at a very delightful 5:00 tea at her home in the Coronado apartments, honoring Mrs. S. W. Bell, who is to leave the first of the coming week for Fremont to make her future home. The ladies are members of a bridge club and the occasion was made very pleasant in the playing of this fascinating game. In the playing Mrs. Finke was the winner of the first honors while Mrs. L. W. Egenberger was awarded the second prize. Mrs. S. W. Bell was presented with a guest prize, a very handsome remembrance of the occasion.

## VISIT OLD FRIEND

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Svoboda and son, Tom, and Mrs. Joseph Hiber, Sr., motored to Omaha where they enjoyed a visit with their old friend and former Plattsmouth resident, John E. Nemetz, who has been an invalid for the past three years. The event also proved the birthday of Mr. Nemetz and in honor of the occasion the Plattsmouth friends as well as a large group from Omaha joined in a pleasant reminder to the genial guest of honor. The illness of Mr. Nemetz has prevented him from carrying on his usual activities and he appreciates very much the visits of the friends. Mr. Nemetz was for many years engaged here in the conduct of a candy store and later was employed as deputy in the county treasurer's office until removing to Omaha where he was engaged as clerk in the office of the county treasurer of Douglas county until his illness struck him down.

## Prepare to Start Census of Cass County

### Assignments Made to the Various Enumerators to Carry on the Check of Inhabitants

The taking of the 1930 census will be started over the nation on April 2nd and will cover several weeks of intensive work on the part of the men and women who have been selected as enumerators and the coming week will see the work under way in every part of Cass county.

The public is urged to give these census takers every aid and courtesy in the listing of the residents of the county as it is hoped to make the census 100 per cent effective in getting the names of all of the inhabitants of the towns and country precincts. This listing of inhabitants is important to the towns, counties and state as well as to the federal government. In each political subdivision has a bearing on the governmental functions of the various towns and counties who are rated by their population.

## WILL DO GRAVELING

From Thursday's Daily—  
A number of the residents of the city are planning on securing some gravel for themselves on streets in the residential section and which will make for a much better highway for the residents in the sections that are being prepared for the graveling. One of the sections that is planned to have gravel placed, is on Thirteenth street from Main to Pearl streets and hence east on Pearl to past the residence of County Judge A. H. Duxbury. It is hoped to be able to extend the gravel west on Pearl from 13th to 14th street and thence south on 14th street to Marble, making an all season highway in that section. This will make a great improvement and the residents of the locality are paying the freight themselves to secure the badly needed road.

A half block of gravel is being placed on North 10th street from Main to Vine street and along the alley that runs east and west through the block, many of the residents there having their garages located on the alleyway.

## TIES CATCH FIRE

From Thursday's Daily—  
This afternoon at 2:30 a pile of some 125 railroad ties which were piled long the Burlington tracks in an open yard, caught fire in some manner and created a great deal of excitement as the clouds of black smoke from the treated ties rolled up and gave the impression in the business section that a serious fire was raging. The fire department arrived on the scene but as the fire was too far from the water supply there was little that could be done.

## Iowa-Nebraska Light Company Urges Safety

### Banquet for Members of Force in Plattsmouth District Held Last Night

The officers and employees of the Plattsmouth district of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., with a number of the invited guests, gathered last evening at the American Legion community building for a very pleasant banquet and to receive some real teachings in the "Safety First" movement that the company is urging in all lines of their service for the benefit of the general public as well as their employees.

The subject of the evening, "Safety," was given in a splendid manner by Edward Kennedy of Lincoln, who has charge of this work for the company. Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the teaching of the safety message was not purely a selfish motive with the great corporation, but that they were trained to avoid accidents that might permanently and surely temporarily disable employees or perhaps result in death. A number of cases were cited where accidents had resulted in permanent injury and the result that the earning power of the man had been cut more than half. Mr. Kennedy had with him goggles that had been worn by employees and which had saved the eyes of the men from accidents from flying steel or other foreign particles and as well a piece of steel taken from the eye of an employee who had failed to wear the goggles. Mr. Kennedy urged that employees use all of the precautions and safety appliances in their work in order that the loss of life and injuries might be avoided. The Plattsmouth district was complimented by Mr. Kennedy on the record in the safety movement so far this year.

Walter Gabriel, who has charge of the sales department of the district was then introduced by Fred I. Rea, district manager, who presided, and Mr. Gabriel gave a short "shop" talk on the sales of the merchandise handled as a part of the Iowa-Nebraska company's line.

Dale Renner of Lincoln, an assistant in the office of the president, Brooks, was also heard in a fine talk on the Safety Work and the campaign that has been in force for several years to reduce to the lowest possible figure the injuries to the employees and the losses in time and money to the individual members of the company. In the past year the company had paid out some \$29,000 in losses through injuries, an average of some \$25 per employee. Mr. Renner also cited cases where the use of safety appliance would have prevented accidents and urged the precautions that the company had provided against accidents be used all of the time.

Mr. Bodie of the Humboldt offices of the company talked of the splendid co-operation that had been shown in the district, the spirit of the employees had felt and the universal desire of all of the employees to give their company the best possible service.

To everyone at the banquet the work of Mr. Kennedy and his Safety First team of Lincoln, was one that he took the closest attention as they gave practical demonstrations of the First Aid, a most enlightening showing of the things to be done in case of accident and the proper manner in which to give the first aid to the injured until the arrival of a doctor or surgeon. With speed and dispatch the team composed of Mr. Ketchum, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Baird and Mr. Shepherd, showed how various cases of lacerations, scalp or skull injuries, should be treated as well as showing the proper way of dealing with common as well as compound fractures. The team also gave demonstrations of the manner of restoring anyone overcome with gas, drowning or other accidents where immediate and practical aid can and has often saved lives.

W. N. Jackson, head of the construction department of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., reached the meeting too late to enjoy the banquet features but gave a very fine talk along the lines of the safety movement, urging the adoption and practice of all safety precautions in his own department as well as in the other operating departments. The speaker took as an example of one of the most severe accidents that the company has suffered that of the Shenandoah, (Ia.), gas works explosion that resulted in one death and a great property damage to the company and the residents of the community there. Mr. Jackson urged that ignoring of the safety measures and devices should be punished and the employee and officers learn that their own interests as well as that of the company required the practice of the safety campaign.

## MRS. LOHNES POORLY

Mrs. John G. Lohnes, who has been in poor health for the past winter as the result of a very severe cold that has greatly undermined her vitality, has been confined to her home for the past three weeks as the result of a general breakdown and which has proven very annoying. The many friends of this estimable lady will regret greatly to learn of her illness and trust that she may soon be up and around again and able to look after her usual activities.

## Care Necessary to Raise Standard of Butter Fat

### Nebraska Makes Poor Showing in Late Reports and Action Urged to Raise the Standard

Butterfat prices in Nebraska are generally lower than the average price paid in the United States, according to a survey recently finished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Quality of the product is also lower in Nebraska than in the average state.

There are two practical ways of raising the quality of cream and getting a correspondingly higher price. One of them is to keep the cream cool and the other is to keep it clean. Care of the cream should begin before the cow is milked. Her udder should be thoroughly cleaned before milking time to prevent dirt from falling into the milk. The pail should be of a closed top variety. The milk should be clean and healthy and should milk with dry hands. All utensils should be cleaned and aired out following use.

Rapid cooling of the cream after it is separated is necessary to keep down the bacterial growth in the product. Several means of cooling can be used, but for Nebraska conditions a cooling tank using circulating water for the cooling medium meets the requirements for good quality cream. This type of tank also provides a clean, sanitary place for holding the cream before it is taken to market. Under no conditions should cream be held on the farm more than four days in winter, and a less time in summer.

## CAMPFIRE GIRLS MEET

From Friday's Daily—  
Wolohese Camp Fire group met last evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Ofe for an initiation party.

Almost all of the girls were present and a committee composed of Madge Garnett, Emily Lorenz and Gertrude Valley initiated the new members. We also initiated our new guardians, Mrs. Ofe and the assistant, Mrs. Theresa Haley.

A short ceremonial meeting was held afterwards and the membership cards were given out. Mrs. Ofe read a story about one of our laws, "Seek Beauty." The candles were lit by Winnifred Rainey, "Work," Madge Garnett, "Health," and Irene Simons, "Love."

## DECIDE AGAINST CHANGE

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Russell Reeder motored to Nebraska City where they spent a few hours, Mrs. Wescott as a guest at the home of Mrs. W. H. Pitzer and the two gentlemen attending the meeting of the Nemaha area of the Boy Scouts of America. The scout meeting took up the matter of the consolidation of the Nemaha area with the Cornhusker area at Lincoln which has been discussed for the past several months but after the full consideration of the several groups in the area it was decided that the consolidation would be dropped for the present at least and the Nemaha area in the southeastern Nebraska district would be continued.

## SUFFERS SEVERE ILLNESS

From Friday's Daily—  
Bobbie Berg, the young son of Mrs. Golda Noble Wiles, clerk of the district court, is quite ill at the family home on the farm southwest of the city. The little lad has been threatened with pneumonia and his condition while somewhat improved is such as to cause a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family circle.

## Louisville Citizens to Block Robbers

### Militant Organization of Citizens Prepare Warm Reception to Any Invaders

The residents of our neighboring city of Louisville are organized to do battle with any gang of robbers that may visit that place day or night, and from past showings made in this line the Louisville people mean business—and how! The Louisville Courier of this week tells of the first practice of the protecting force and from its machine like operation the robbers that visit Louisville are going to get all that is coming to them, as the following shows:

"The Louisville Home Guard is still on the job. Last Saturday morning at about 3:00 o'clock they were called out of bed to officiate at a supposed robbery of Walter Blake's store.

"A truck had backed up in front of Herman Kalkpai's hot dog establishment to install a frigid air machine, having been delayed in getting it down from Omaha. Someone called central, who gave the alarm and soon the place was surrounded. Mayor Scott McGrew was the first to arrive with a shotgun that had not been fired since he was a boy reading Diamond Dick novels. He is confident, however, that he could hit an object as large as a truck. He says it scatters far and wide and that the driver would be unsafe even though he aimed at the rear tire. Next came Fred Ossenkop, the assistant postmaster who got his man several years ago when he potted a couple of robbers who had burglarized the F. H. Nicholas store, thus gaining for himself much notoriety besides putting the fear of God into the hearts of law violators.

## A REAL PLEASANT SURPRISE

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening a very pleasant surprise was given at the home of Mrs. W. H. Cocelt, who live on a farm 6 miles northwest of Plattsmouth, honoring her on her birthday. Quite a large number were present to help her enjoy the occasion.

The evening was spent in playing various games among which was an old fashioned spelling contest. Mrs. Floy Hardison and George Winscott standing up the longest. Radio music was greatly enjoyed by all present.

At an appropriate hour a very delicious luncheon was served from the baskets which the different members of the party had prepared. Among those to enjoy the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Todd and sons, Fred, Forrest and Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. Hardison and son, Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Cariburg, daughters, Mildred and Edna, and son, Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Sack and son, Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark and baby, Virginia, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stine, Mr. and Mrs. Esper McCleary, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kelleson and son, Raymond, George Winscott, Carroll Sutton, Harold Seay, Wallace Arnold and Miss Vivian Moore, and the family of the guest of honor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffelt and children, Laurice, Lauretta, Lloyd and Wayne.

At a late hour all members departed for their homes, wishing the guest of honor many more happy birthdays.

## MAKES PROMPT SETTLEMENT

From Friday's Daily—  
T. M. Patterson of Omaha, representative of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, was in the city today en route to Union. Mr. Patterson had with him the check from his company in settlement of the death claim of Clifford McQuinn, killed in an auto accident at Union last Thursday night. Mr. McQuinn carried a two thousand dollar policy of the Bankers Life Company which provided a double indemnity for accidental death. The McQuinn estate will receive some three thousand, nine hundred dollars as the settlement in full of their claim.

## DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning two cases involving suits to quiet title were filed in the office of the clerk of the district court, one being that of Nellie E. Topf vs James Hoffman, et al., and the other Vern Urwin vs Minnie Urwin, et al. In the cases filed Attorney W. A. Robertson appears for the plaintiffs in both cases of action.

## CAR AND TRUCK SMASH

From Saturday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon while one of the McMaken trucks was engaged in hauling gravel to the Louisville road west of the city, the truck and a Ford coupe crashed near the Louis Schessell farm. The truck was coming east and the Ford coupe south and met at the corner. At the time of the accident the driver of the truck was facing the sun and unable to see the coupe, the drive of which was also unaware of the near approach of the truck until they struck in the center of the road. The coupe was thrown clear off the road and burst into flames a few seconds after the impact. The driver of the truck, Charles Lamphere, hastened to the wrecked coupe and rescued the driver, a young man named Holcomb, who was partially dazed by the force of the impact. The driver of the coupe was then taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Arthur Sampson, a short distance from the scene of the wreck. It is not thought that the driver of the coupe was seriously injured.

## W. F. Evers is Given Pleasing Recognition

### Selected as the Grand Representative of the State of Mississippi at B. A. M.

William F. Evers, one of the leading and active members of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Mason, a past high priest in the local chapter, has been selected as the grand representative of the grand chapter of the state of Mississippi at the grand chapter of the order in Nebraska.

This honor is a very pleasing recognition of the great interest and effort that Mr. Evers has shown in the work of the order in this state, he being a very active figure in all of the branches of Masonry in the state and having served as the head of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons and Mr. Zion Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar.

Mr. Evers is at the present time the superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city, which office he has held for a great many years and in known over the state for his splendid work for the great fraternity.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Saturday's Daily—  
Yesterday being the twenty-first birthday anniversary of Ralph Mason, who is a student at the State Teacher's College at Peru, the young man was guest of honor at a very delightful birthday party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sprecher. In the entertaining and serving Mrs. Sprecher was assisted by her sister, Mrs. W. H. Mason.

The evening was spent in games of all kinds and cards and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by all of the members of the jolly crowd and in honor of the event Ralph was presented with a number of gifts.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that aided in the completion of the evening of rare delight.

Those who attended the event were: Florence Nelson, Vivian Lightbody, Eleanor and Mary Swatek, Germaine Mason, George Sayles, Ralph Mason, Clyde and Nelson, Roy and Fitch Bernard Galloway, Mrs. W. H. Mason and children, Shirley, Dona Fae and Billy and Mrs. L. R. Sprecher.

## CHECK ATTENDANCE RECORD

The check of the attendance record at the high school for the third quarter shows that the sophomores and other classes in the percentage of attendance as well as in the size of their class, having an enrollment of 70, a perfect attendance of 33 or 47 per cent. The seniors are the second class in the school with an enrollment of 60, a perfect attendance of 28 and a percentage of 45. The freshmen are third in the school with an enrollment of 68, a perfect attendance of 26 that gives them a percentage of 38. The juniors are the tailenders with an enrollment of 68, a perfect attendance of 19, or a percentage of 28.

## SETTLE UP ARGUMENT

From Saturday's Daily—  
This morning Judge Charles L. Graves in the police court was called upon to decide the issues in a case coming from the south section of the city where one lady was charged with having attacked another of the lady residents in that locality. The matter was reported to the authorities and this morning Chief of Police Libershal was called upon to serve the warrant that brought the matter into the police court. A plea of guilty to the charge brought a fine of \$10 and costs, amounting to \$13.50.

Phone your news to the Journal.

## Plattsmouth Students Win in Contest

### Robert Livingston, Herschel Score Firsts, Margaret Shellenbarger, Chas. Nowacek Seconds

From Saturday's Daily—  
With Robert Livingston winning first in the Extremopaneous, Herschel Dew winning first in Humorous and Charles Nowacek and Margaret Shellenbarger placing second in Oratory and Dramatic, the Plattsmouth high school entries in the Sub-District Declamatory Contest held at Auburn yesterday afternoon wired District judges made a most enviable record and one that stands unequalled by any other school in this section. The local speakers have been under the able direction of Miss Mary Jane Tidball. For the second successive year, Plattsmouth has taken two firsts in the Sub-District. Last year Clelland Retelsdorf won the Extremopaneous championship and subsequently the District title and Chris Bulla was the Sub-District Champion Orator. This morning, Principal R. F. Patterson wired District Director J. Arthur Nelson at Fremont, asking that the District Championship finals be held at Plattsmouth.

The Extremopaneous and Humorous sections were held in the afternoon in the Avenue Methodist church with splendid acoustic facilities. Each entry in the Extremopaneous drew for subjects an hour before the contest was scheduled to start. Robert Livingston drew "The Sugar Lobby and The President." His presentation of the subject stood head and shoulders above that of any of his four competitors. With an analysis of subject matter, keen choice of words and impressive stage presence that would do credit to a speaker of mature years, he was the only logical choice for first place. Humboldt was second and Auburn third. Herschel Dew had eight competitors in the Humorous division. His clever presentation of the Italian dialect selection "Just A Tak A Dat," made a hit with the audience and the high praise of the judge for the manner in which Herschel handled as difficult a selection as the Italian dialect throughout. Herschel's work stood out clearly above any of his competitors. Humboldt was second and Nehawka third.

The evening contests began at 7:30 with the Oratory first. Charles Nowacek was one of several Demosthenes who were contesting for the Oratory title. He spoke sixth and made a profound impression on the audience with his ease of delivery and ability to lead his hearers from one climax to another in his selection "If We Break Faith." It was evident that the awarding of first place would lie between the Nebraska City speaker and Charles. The judge gave the decision to Margaret Leith of that place, who delivered Wilson's oration "Americanism." Charles was ranker second.

Margaret Shellenbarger did a masterly piece of work in the Dramatic Division with her beautiful selection entitled "The Highwayman." Speaking last on the program after the audience had listened to seven other dramatic selections as well as last speaker of the entire contest, Margaret immediately captured the enraptured attention of all until only the steady "tick tock" of the clock on the wall could be heard above her voice. Her poise and control of voice and gesture are seldom equaled by a high school student. The judge in her oral decision awarded "The Highwayman" as the most difficult selection to read. I have heard it read many times by amateurs but Miss Shellenbarger's interpretation of it was the best that I have ever heard. It was a marvelous piece of work. Despite this, her decision went to the Codrington of Auburn, who read "The Highwayman" with Margaret second and Falls City third.

It would have been very unusual had Plattsmouth taken first in all divisions but two firsts and two seconds was the best record made by any other school and clearly indicates that the Plattsmouth was most ably represented. Too much credit can not be given to Miss Tidball for her untiring efforts in making the local contest possible and preparing the speakers for the final contest. The school is also grateful to Mr. Sterret and Mr. Kwanicka for invaluable assistance which they have given the winners in sixteen counties of eastern Nebraska by Robert Livingston in the Extremopaneous and Herschel Dew in the Humorous.

The following schools participated at Auburn: Auburn, Falls City, Honey Creek, Humboldt, Louisville, Nebraska City, Nehawka, Plattsmouth and Salem, representing Otoe, Richardson, Cass and Pawnee Counties. The judge was Miss Holcomb of the school of Fine Arts at the University.

Mrs. E. J. Ringwood of Minneapolis, formerly Miss Laura Puls, of Murray, arrived here yesterday by auto, bringing with her the mother, Mrs. William Puls, who has spent the winter at Minneapolis with the daughter and family.