

## MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Amgwert were Lincoln visitors last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kupke drove to Omaha last Monday to visit their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scheel, Sr., were Omaha visitors Tuesday, returning on Wednesday evening.

The firemen enjoyed another oyster supper with all the trimmings at the M. W. A. hall Tuesday night.

Word was received last week that the former Miss Elsie Kupke and husband are the parents of a baby boy at their home in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuehn were over to Lincoln on last Thursday, driving their car, and visited with friends as well as looked after business matters.

Douglas Tool, who is a student at Creighton college in Omaha, was a visitor in Murdock and at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool.

Mrs. Matt Thimgan had several teeth pulled last Monday and was absent from the bakery for a day or two. Miss Ruth Miller took her place for the time.

The Rev. H. A. Norenberg, who was taken with a severe attack of rheumatism which has kept him to his home and bed, still is suffering greatly from that malady.

Mrs. Henry A. Tool was a visitor in Weeping Water last week at a meeting of the club workers of the Extension clubs, looking to the completion of their work in the near future.

Floyd Hite spent the past week at Walton, where he helped the John Ayres family move from Cheney to a farm near Walton, which they recently purchased. Floyd returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Gillespie who have been spending the past two weeks visiting with their uncle, Wm. McNamera, at Fairmont, returned home Saturday accompanied by Miss Jeanette McNamera.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool were over to Omaha on last Monday, where they were looking after some business matters for a time. Mrs. Tool visiting with friends while her husband transacted the business claiming his attention.

There was joy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gamin last Sunday morning at an early hour when, with the aid of Dr. L. D. Lee, they welcomed the arrival of a fine young son and heir. All concerned are doing nicely.

Will E. Heier and wife, of north of Alvo, were visiting in Murdock on Friday of last week and were looking after some business matters as well as were guests at the homes of Al Theil and Wm. Heiers, Sr., the latter being the parents of Mr. Heier.

John Gakemeier, who has been in the northwest, where he is superintending the bailing of some 800 tons of hay to be shipped to the drought stricken areas of northern Nebraska and South Dakota, writes that he will be kept at the task for some time yet.

Mrs. Ray Strickler, of Waco, and her daughter and husband were in Murdock on last Friday visiting with friends and also looking after some business matters. While here, they rented the building on Main street for a cafe, and they will move in to the new location in a short time.

On last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Weddell, the members of the Ladies Aid of the Murdock church met and looked after the business which came before them and after enjoying a social hour and some very fine eats which were served by the genial hostess, expressed thanks for the fine time and returned home. The next meeting of the society will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool on March 24th and to which all the members are urged to be present.

### Will Play Tuesday

The play which is being staged by students of the Murdock schools and which was to have been held on a former date, will be held at the school building on Tuesday evening, March 15th. A general invitation is given for all to come and enjoy the play. It is free.

### Son at Hawaii

Eddie Craig, the barber, has a letter from his son, Jack, who is in the United States navy and was at the time the letter was written, at Hilo, in the Sandwich Island, where the U. S. fleet, with which he is located, was maneuvering. Jack tells of liking the work with the navy and is getting along fine. The fleet has been maneuvering in Pacific waters for a considerable length of time and is near enough to the war zone in China that it could render assistance in getting American citizens out or pro-

tecting American life around Shanghai, should it become necessary.

**Entertained Eastern Star**  
Mrs. Oscar Zink entertained the Order of Eastern Star on last Wednesday at her pleasant country home, and was assisted in the entertaining by Mesdames H. W. Tool and Henry A. Tool. A most enjoyable time was had, with a very fine program and a delightful lunch. There were twenty-one present.

### Home from Winter in South

Mrs. Henrietta Lawton, of Wabash, mother of H. H. Lawton, of Murdock, who has been spending the winter at Shreveport, La., with her son, Ford Lawton, arrived home last Sunday morning and reports enjoying her stay in the south.

### Many Watch Games

Many of the students and others of Murdock were over to Eagle on last Friday, where they went to see the games at the county basketball tournament, of which there were four games during the evening.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our appreciation of the very fine service which has been rendered during the last illness and death of our beloved father, George W. Skiles, who passed away on last Thursday and whose funeral was held on Saturday of last week. We want to thank all who in any way contributed to his nursing or his comfort. Also our appreciation to the Rev. Knosp, who spoke comforting words, to those who sang and those who by their floral tokens evinced their honor and respect.—The Children of George W. Skiles.

### Oldest Resident Passes Away

George Washington Skiles was born near Fort Madison, Iowa, April 15, 1840, where he resided for many years. He attended school there and from that place enlisted in Company A, 13th Iowa regiment of volunteers, in the Civil war, serving throughout the war and on his return to civilian life following the close of the great conflict, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Helen Sarah Brown at Sand Prairie, in Lee county, Iowa. They made their home at Fort Madison for a short time, also residing in a number of other places. The date of their marriage was February 17, 1867.

There were born to this couple three daughters, one dying in infancy. Those living are Mrs. Jesse Wellman of Bothune, Colorado, who resided there until last fall, when they came to be with and care for the parents, and Mrs. Nellie Earl, of Syracuse. The mother passed away on February 2nd, of this year.

For many years this couple have resided in Murdock, also living at several other points in Cass county. Since the death of his wife, Uncle George has been in very poor health and passed away early Thursday morning at his late home in Murdock. The funeral was held at the Murdock church and was conducted by the Rev. H. R. Knosp. Interment was at Alvo.

As stated above, Mr. Skiles was a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting in the service in Company A of the 13th Iowa volunteers and serving until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at the final mustering out of the soldiers on August 20th, 1865. During the war he fought in a number of battles, among which were Chickamauga Bayou, December 29th, 1863; Arkansas Post, Ark., January 11, 1863; Rolling Forks, Mississippi, March 20, 1863; Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, May 19, 1863; Siege of Jacksonville, Tenn., July 10, 1863; Collinsville, Tenn., October 11, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Tenn., Nov. 14, 1863, and being mustered out of service on August 20th, 1865.

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## Well Known Pioneer Couple 50 Years Wed

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ruhga Observe Event at Home in Vicinity of Weeping Water.

From Friday's Daily  
Several years ago two children came to America who were destined to become man and wife in the country of their adoption. One of the children was John W. Ruhga, who hailed from Moeckenburg, Germany, and the other was Margaret Soller of Hanover of the same country. The boy was two years of age when he came to America with his parents, and the girl, coming some years later, at the age of twelve.

These same children celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary last Sunday, March 6, 1932, at their beautiful farm home southwest of Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruhga were married at the Fred Carsten home near Oteo, Nebraska, in Oteo county, March 6, 1882, and moved to a farm near Dunbar a few days after their wedding and lived there twenty-one years of the long and happy wedded life. On this farm, their two children, Henry and John, Jr., were born. After twenty-one years the Ruhga family sold their farm and bought the farm where they have resided for the past twenty-nine years.

This pioneer couple have much to be proud of, and can look back on their fifty years together and call them good. They have one of the finest farms in Cass county, two sons and three granddaughters, of whom they are justly proud. Their oldest son, Henry, lives on a farm near Wabash, and the youngest son, John, Jr., lives on home place with his parents. The granddaughters, Joan Rebecca and Doris Jannet, are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Ruhga, Jr., and Eunice Ruhga, daughter of their older son, Henry, is attending high school in Weeping Water.

The Ruhgas have a circle of friends that can not be measured, because it can be truly said, "To know them is to love them."

Their home was a beautiful picture Sunday, decorated in white and gold, with the many beautiful flowers, gifts and cards of congratulation.

The many relatives and friends that came to congratulate them this day of days, numbered eighty-five.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served to the guests throughout the day, as open house was held in the afternoon to all of their many friends.

One very unusual event of the day was the presence of the bride's maid and best man of a half a century ago. They were William Soller of Gothenburg, Nebraska, and Mrs. Mary McCray of Elmwood, Nebraska, brother and sister of the bride.

Relatives and friends from a distance in attendance Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. William Soller of Gothenburg, Nebraska; Mrs. Mary McCray of Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. D. Jace and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schunk, Richard Beck and Harry Smith of Kenesaw, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. C. Goldstein, Mrs. John Jobman and son, Charles Burson, of Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. James McAlester and son of Dunbar, and Louis Carsten of Avoca.

### HASTINGS GETS ROTARY MEET

Lincoln, March 11.—The Nineteenth district of Rotary international, comprising all of Nebraska, South Dakota, and part of Iowa, will meet in annual convention at Hastings May 16-17.

The meeting place was announced by C. H. J. Mitchell of Huron, S. D., district governor, after a meeting here Friday of the program committee. About 750 members are expected to attend, Mitchell said.

Members of the committee which conferred are Joe Aiden, Sr., York, chairman; Lester M. Buckley, Lincoln; Dr. A. B. Hopper, Hastings; Carl R. Matthiesen, Hastings; Edwin R. Jackson, Council Bluffs, and the district governor.

A representative of the international organization, E. De Cook Bunting of The Hague, Setherlands, will attend the Hastings convention.

### HURED HAND KILLS PRIZE BULL FOR BEEFSTEAKS

Tullahoma, Tenn., March 11.—All beefsteaks look alike to William Holder's hired hand. Told to slaughter a steer to replenish the family larder the farm hand made a carcass out of one of Holder's prize bulls.

### WANTED

Experienced, capable farmer, wants job on farm with separate house, at once. Write "Farmer," care of Plattsmouth Journal.

### KARL IRONS PASSES AWAY

From Friday's Daily  
Funeral services for Karl Irons were held from the Methodist church in Elmwood on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and were conducted by the Rev. Victor West of Lincoln. Prayer by Rev. Shepard and benediction by Rev. Baker. Music was furnished by the Misses Ethel and Pearl Coatsman with Mrs. Opal Turner Clements accompanist at the pipe organ. The deceased was well known by all, being an Elmwood young man, having spent most of his life on a farm near Elmwood.

Karl Irons was born December 19, 1903, at Elmwood, Nebraska. He died March 3, 1932, at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

On August 6, 1923, he was united in marriage to Miss Esther Sala. To them four children were born: Lurec Arlowyn, 5 years; Virgil Sherman, 4 years; James Russell, 3 years; Leona Ann, 8 months.

Mr. Irons was reared on a farm and made that his profession and farmed the old home place for five years. He moved into Lincoln three years ago.

He leaves to mourn his going, his wife, Mrs. Esther Sala Irons and their four children; his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Irons; three brothers, Clarence of Wathena, Kansas; Clyde of Lincoln; and Chester of Elmwood. Two sisters, Mrs. Alice Hunker, Falls City, Nebraska; and Mrs. Dora Lackey of Elmwood. There are three uncles: Charles and John Irons of Douglas, Neb.; and Reuben Irons of Elmwood; one aunt, Mrs. E. T. Comer of Elmwood. There are many other relatives and a host of friends.

Interment was made in the Elmwood cemetery.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## Hoover Sees Results in Drive on Hoarding

Reports That the Confidence of the People Being Restored; Drive "Only Beginning."

Washington, March 11.—Optimistic over the money-hoarding campaign, President Hoover today spurred it on with a hope that it will continue until the last hidden dollar "is returned to work."

The president, at a press conference, reported that 2,395 communities throughout the nation already have been organized in this work and that new organizations are being created.

Although no other figures were quoted, he declared the drive had proved its worth and was definitely contributing to the "dissipation of fear and apprehension and to the restoration of confidence."

During the course of his press conference today—at which he praised the nation's newspapers for contributing millions of dollars in advertising and reading space to the campaign—the president held before him a typewritten statement but employed it only as a guide.

The president also asserted the drive was "only beginning," adding he hoped it would continue until every community where hoarding was known had organized against it.

"Their work has just one final objective," he concluded, "that is, the restoration of employment and aid to agriculture."—World-Herald.

### LAPOLLETTE BILL FAVORED

Washington.—A 5.5 billion dollar program of public works as proposed by Senator LaFollette was endorsed before a senate labor subcommittee by the National Farmers' union. In the senate chamber itself work was begun on the 132.5 million dollar emergency highway construction bill passed by the democratic house. It was forced back to the calendar, however, after brief debate.

John A. Simpson, president of the Farmers' union, sharply arraigned congress on the ground that it has been in session for months and has failed to alleviate the unemployment situation.

"A million more men are out of employment than when you convened," he asserted. "What you have done here in this session of congress is just as foolish as for a doctor to pour oil on the head of a man who has sore feet."

Simpson urged that the emergency bond issue be non-interest bearing.

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## Sales Tax Plan in Revenue Bill Warmly Upheld

Confident Prediction That Plan Will Win Out Despite Independent Opposition.

Washington.—Recovering somewhat from the first heavy blasts of opposition evoked by the new tax bill, party leaders Friday confidently predicted house approval without extensive change. Despite the determination of a band of independents and democrats to remove the manufacturers' sales tax, the leaders asserted they could force it to passage by a nonpartisan vote.

White house approval of the \$1,906,000,000 measure, as it was drafted by the ways and means committee, was predicted by Representative Snell of New York, the republican floor leader. Both he and Representative Rainey of Illinois, the democratic leader, asserted the bill would meet house sanction because the opposition had nothing as good to offer as the manufacturers' levy. They said the sales tax provision was more equitable than any substitute proposition suggested and that it would be the least burdensome on the country.

On the other hand Representative LaGuardia (R. N. Y.), a leader of the independents, predicted the sales levy would be stricken from the bill. He said "the entire progressive group" was against it and would offer a substitute plan of heavy excise taxes on certain industries estimated to yield 400 million dollars. The yield of the manufacturers' levy is figured at 595 millions.

Another substitute plan has been prepared by Representative Houghton of North Carolina, a democratic member of the ways and means committee, which is to be offered soon. It involves special levies on luxuries and selected industries.

Meanwhile, polls of the republican and democratic membership as to their views on the sales tax were in progress but incomplete. Acting Chairman Crisp, of the ways and means committee, which formulated the bill, said he believed "a majority is for the sales tax." Taking the floor late in the day he pointed out that the 900 millions in short term securities sold by the treasury to refund 600 millions of treasury certificates and to raise 300 millions for government expenses, were disposed of at a rate of interest more than 2 percent higher than issues a year ago.

Only because of the decision of the ways and means committee to prepare a bill to balance the budget in 1933 was the oversubscription by many millions possible, the Georgia democrat said.

Representative McCormack, democrat, Massachusetts, a member of the ways and means committee, told the house that Secretary Mills had to interview bankers in New York and give them assurance that the committee would report out the budget balancing bill before they would agree to its flotation or its rates.

Representative Lozier of Missouri told the house he would bolt the democratic leadership on the sales tax issue.

"I am not willing to follow the titular heads of the democratic party," Lozier said. "I am unwilling to allow William Randolph Hearst to put a ring in my nose and lead me in to republican pastures."

"Since the gentleman has mentioned Hearst and in view of the cloakroom gossip, why doesn't he mention some eminent democrats who are in the city?" interposed Representative Kvale, Minnesota.

"I don't know who the gentleman means," Lozier said.

"Why, Raskob and Shouse," Kvale replied.

"I don't want to go into a discussion of that," Lozier said.

### NORTH WESTERN ASKS GRAVEL RATE REDUCED

Lincoln, March 10.—An application to the state railway commission Thursday by the North Western for a 45-cent per ton rate on gravel from Fremont to Omaha, will, if granted, place all carriers on a parity on that commodity between the two points, commission members said. The rate is a decrease of 15 cents per ton.

The Union Pacific Thursday applied to the commission for a half-rate tariff on shipments of hay to the drought area. The application provides also for a two-thirds rate on grain.

The commission granted the Burlington application for reduced rates on livestock feed from Rosalie to Dixon.

## 'America's March Genius' Mourned by Music-Lovers

John Philip Sousa, Whose Martial Music Has Won Popularity All Over the World, Had Ambition to Be a Baker.



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA ON HIS 77TH BIRTHDAY.

The recent death of John Philip Sousa, justly called "America's March King," is mourned by not only millions of his own countrymen who had thrilled to the stirring strains of his many musical creations, but also by countless hosts of admirers in every corner of the globe. Sousa's music played American armies to war and welcomed them home in triumph. Strangely enough, the great composer's early ambition was to be a baker. In his native Washington, where his father was a member of the U. S. Marine Band, young John Philip got his fill of that ambition and incidentally of pie. He was apprenticed to the Marine Band when he was 14, but left it three years later to play a violin in the orchestra of Jacques Offenbach, famous German composer of "Tales of Hoffmann," when that musician visited the United States in 1877. When he was 25, Sousa started on his 12 years as leader of the Marine Band and at this point began composing the martial music that made his name a byword. He was one of the most prolific of composers, his works including more than 100 marches, topped by the peerless "Stars and Stripes Forever," 10 operas, many songs and suites and "The Last Crusade," perhaps his most pretentious work, for orchestra, organ and choir. Sousa was decorated by many governments and societies and few Americans were better known outside their own country. He died in his 78th year.

Washington.—Not only by millions of his countrymen, who have thrilled to the blazing patriotism of his martial music, but by countless numbers of music lovers all over the world is John Philip Sousa, probably the greatest band leader of all time, mourned.

To legions of his admirers in every corner of the globe the name "Sousa," and the word "march" were synonymous. Few Americans were better known outside their own country than the dapper conductor, the magic of whose baton made the most lethargic of his audience want to get up and march in military step.

Sousa was literally born to martial music. On Nov. 6, 1861, his seventh birthday, his native Washington rang to the strains of "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," and "John Brown's Body," as the Boys in Blue answered the call of President Lincoln. Antonio Sousa, John Philip's father, a Spaniard, was then a member of the United States Marine Band.

The boy Sousa was not much enamored of music at that time. He wanted to be a baker, and his wise father decided that the best way to cure him of that leaning was to give him a taste of baking. For two days the boy employed himself alternately loading hot loaves in the baker's wagon and eating all the pie he could hold, but on his boss giving him the task of rocking the baby to sleep he lost his position—he was unfortunate enough to fall asleep before his little charge.

When John Philip was 14 his father had him apprenticed to the U. S. Marine Band, and three years later we find the young man playing a violin in the orchestra of Jacques Offenbach, composer of the famous opera "Tales of Hoffmann," when the great German musician visited the United States in 1877.

Before returning to the Marine band as leader, Sousa had a varied experience as conductor of an itinerant orchestra that specialized in the music of the blood and thunder dramas of the day.

Just one month after his twenty-fifth birthday, Sousa started on his twelve years as leader of the Marine Band and at this point began the composing of the martial music that earned for him the title of "March King of America."

He was one of the most prolific of composers, his works including more than 100 marches, topped by the peerless and blood-stirring "Stars and Stripes Forever," ten operas, many songs and suites and "The Last Crusade," perhaps his most pretentious work, for orchestra, organ and choir.

Although it is as a great composer and conductor that Sousa will go down in history, he was also able to play a number of musical instruments and it is to this ability that he owed his uncanny knack of making an instrument fit a musical score in the way for which it was best adapted.

In his twelve years as leader of the Marine Band, Sousa developed the organization to a high standard of proficiency, placing it in the front rank of military bands. It was in 1892 that he decided to form his own organization. On the conductor of a scheduled Philadelphia concert failing to appear, Sousa's services were sought by the promoters. He accepted and so great was his success that he immediately determined to have his own band.

From the first his success was assured. The fame of his band spread throughout the entire world and his music was played in every city, village and hamlet on the civilized earth that was fortunate enough to have a band.

Sousa's music played American armies off to war and welcomed them back in triumph. It typified a traditional American spirit of devil-may-care dash.

The great band leader was decorated by governments and societies, one of his orders being the Victorian Order of England. He was also awarded the Palms of the Academy by the French Government, which also made him an officer of public instruction.

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