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## Roosters Show Real Appetites in Contest

Feeding of Roosters After Starvation Period Shows Some Interesting Results.

The culmination of the four Rooster-Booster days, special bargain offering of the local merchants and a record price paid for old roosters, was on Saturday evening when the corn eating contest by the roosters was decided.

The stores that participated in the special days each had a rooster penned up and which was fed late Friday and spent Saturday without food, being fed at 9 o'clock Saturday evening by the judges and the number of kernels of corn counted.

The judging was in charge of Rex Young, Dr. G. L. Taylor, D. D. Wainwright and Dr. O. Sandin and who checked the appetites of the roosters great and small that were embraced in the contest.

The results in the different stores in the corn eating contest and the winners were as follows:

Mullen's Market, 231 kernels, Ray Covert.

F. R. Gobelman paint store, 234 kernels, Donald Burcham.

A. G. Bach, 231 kernels, Ella Louise Donaldson.

Bates Book store, 350 kernels, Gwendolyn Hansen.

Petzer Shoe Co., 130 kernels, Rose Mary Steppatt.

Bestor & Swatek, 137 kernels, Charles Wurga.

Popular Variety Store, 121 kernels, Mrs. John Hobscheidt.

Wescott's, 217 kernels, Mrs. C. H. Bailey.

Christ Furniture Co., 27 kernels, Lawrence Rhodes.

E. A. Wuri, 44 kernels, William Kriksky.

Black & White, 88 kernels, Mrs. Glenn Whiteman.

Red & White, 68 kernels, Robert Talt.

Peace Style Shop, 200 kernels, Opal Byers.

The rooster eating the greatest number of kernels was that at the Bates Book store, consuming 350, while the smallest amount was the bantam rooster at the Christ Furniture Co., consuming only 27.

## CHARLES BRINKMAN INJURED

Charles Brinkman of this city was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when he was pinned under a small frame building that he was assisting in moving. The large doll house that for so many years stood at the Glen Valley home north of this city, was being moved to Mynard to be placed on the property of T. W. Vallery. As the house, which is of good size, was being unloaded from the truck, it became overbalanced and slipped, catching Mr. Brinkman under the building. The head of the young man was caught by the falling building and the only thing that prevented his death was the projecting eaves of the structure which held the full weight of the building off of him.

Mr. Brinkman was rescued from his perilous position and taken to Glenwood where he was examined by his brother-in-law, Dr. T. B. Lacey and X-rays made of the head and injured portion of the body. The patient was returned to this city and is being cared for at the home of his mother on 11th street. He is reported as resting somewhat easier today but is still suffering from the effects of the injury. It is not thought that there was any fractures sustained by Mr. Brinkman.

## RETURNS FROM EAST

Mrs. William Hassler, Sr., who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Miss Anna Hassler at Dunkirk, New York, has returned to the west. Mrs. Hassler and daughter arrived last week at Omaha where they have been enjoying a visit at the Earl Hassler home as well as at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hassler, Jr., at Lincoln. Miss Anna Hassler has been engaged in teaching in the schools at Dunkirk for the past several years and has been quite successful in her work there.

Journal Want-Ads cost only a few cents and get real results!

## SUFFERS SLIGHT STROKE

Mrs. James M. Robertson, one of the loved and honored ladies of the community, was taken ill on Saturday at the home here. Mrs. Robertson was found to be suffering from the effects of a slight stroke. Mrs. Robertson has stood the illness in excellent shape and is now feeling much improved and it is hoped that she may soon be on the highway to complete recovery. The many friends of this estimable lady are hopeful that she may soon be able to regain her former good health and to resume her usual activities.

## Death of Mrs. Jonas Johnson at Hospital

Passes Away Following Illness of Several Weeks Duration—Old Resident Here.

From Wednesday's Daily

Mrs. Jonas Johnson, 67, passed away last evening at an Omaha hospital where for the past several weeks she has been under treatment, having for three weeks suffered from sickness. She has been gradually failing and death finally came to her relief last evening.

The deceased lady was well known in this community where for a great many years she has made her home. A lady of deep religious training, she has been active in the church circles of the city and found her greatest comfort in her church and its teachings. Her death will bring great regret to the host of friends who will miss very much this kindly lady.

Sophia Anderson was born in Sweden September 8, 1864, spending her girlhood in the land of her birth until in 1886 when she came to the United States to make her future home. The deceased lady has resided in Plattsmouth for the remainder of her lifetime and was married here in July, 1893 to Jonas Johnson. To bless the life of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson six children were born, two of whom have preceded the mother in death. The members of the family surviving are the husband, two sons, Friedof, of Los Angeles; Joseph of Chicago; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Swanson of Los Angeles and Mrs. Judith Canfield of Linwood, California. There also remains one brother, John Anderson of Sioux City and one sister, Mrs. Anna Benson of Portland, Oregon.

The funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed, awaiting word from the children in California.

## STUDENTS VISIT HERE

Miss Vestetta Robertson, who is a student at the University of Nebraska, was home over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson. Miss Robertson was accompanied by Miss Dorothy Davis, of Omaha, as a house guest. Miss Davis is violin soloist in the Lincoln symphony orchestra and also in the first university orchestra, in which Miss Robertson is the accompanist. The university orchestra is composed of some seventy members. Both Miss Robertson and Miss Davis are members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority at the university, who a week ago entertained at a parents' tea and which was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson of this city.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Dr. J. H. Hall, who has been at the University hospital at Omaha for the past two weeks, undergoing treatment, was brought back to this city Sunday by his son, James I. Hall. Dr. Hall is still under medical care and treatment at the Hotel Riley where he is residing. He is feeling very much the effect of his illness and will be unable to look after his medical work aside from at his rooms for some time.

## PAINT UP BUILDING

The front of the building on South Sixth street, occupied by the Rainbow soft drink parlor, has been given a new coat of paint and the work has added a great deal to the general appearance of the structure. The work has been completed by J. C. Brittain, one of the veteran painters of the city.

## Edward Delaney Injured in Gas Explosion Monday

Accident Occurs While Mr. Delaney Lighting Furnace at Coronado Apartments.

Edward Delaney, manager of the Coronado apartment house at Third and Vine streets, was burned about the head and arms late Monday afternoon in an explosion in the furnace room of the apartment house.

Mr. Delaney had gone to the furnace room to start the furnace for heating the apartment house for the evening and was lighting the gas in the furnace when the explosion occurred.

The explosion caused the burning of the hair of Mr. Delaney as well as inflicting burns on the face, arms and upper part of the body of the victim, but none of the burns are severe or deep.

The explosion caused several of the windows of the furnace room to be shattered and a small partition near the stairway of the room was jarred loose by the force of the blast.

The shock was felt over the building and residents of the apartments with Mrs. Delaney, hastened to the furnace room to find Mr. Delaney blacked and burned, and for a time it was feared that he might have been very severely injured. As soon as the accident was discovered, Dr. R. P. Westover was called to the Delaney apartment and gave the victim of the accident aid and dressed the burns, making the patient as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

Mr. Delaney had lit the furnace frequently in the last few days of chilly weather and had experienced no trouble, but some gas had no doubt accumulated in the fire box of the furnace and when the manager of the apartment house started to light it, caused the blast.

This morning Mr. Delaney was reported as resting easy and feeling but little the worse for the experience, but will carry the marks of the explosion for several days.

## HAS LEG AMPUTATED

The many friends of this city of A. M. Arries, will regret very much to learn that Mr. Arries the past week suffered the amputation of his right leg. Mr. Arries, since the disposal of his billiard hall here, has resided at Omaha and has in recent months been in poor health. He had been suffering from an infection of the right leg that gave him a great deal of trouble and grew so severe that to halt the spread of the infection it was decided to have the limb amputated. Mr. Arries was operated on at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha and where is now being cared for. The patient is doing just as well as possible under the circumstances and it is hoped that the operation may be successful in preventing further spread of the infection.

## MARRIED AT CITY HALL

On Saturday afternoon at the office of Judge Charles L. Graves at the city hall occurred the marriage of Albert J. Heikes of Falls City and Miss Lucille Mason of this city. The marriage lines were read by Judge Graves in his usual impressive manner, uniting the lives and hearts of the two young people. The wedding was witnessed by Mrs. Mary Mason and Mrs. Violet Van Winkle of this city.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mason of this city where she was born and reared to womanhood and has a large circle of friends who will be pleased to learn of the happiness that has come to her.

## COYOTE CROP GOOD

The coyote crop of Cass county appears to be an excellent one this season, as a large number of the scalps have been turned into the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles. The latest to bring in the scalps are James Tigner, of near Mynard, who brought in eight young coyotes and Leonard Fornoff of Cedar Creek, who bagged one of the old coyotes on his farm.

## FIND ABANDONED CAR

A 1930 model Plymouth sedan was reported Monday afternoon to have been abandoned along one of the roads in the hills northeast of Union. The matter was investigated by Sheriff Ed Thingan and it was found that the car was the property of A. McCabe, 4321 South 42nd street, Omaha. The car had been stolen in Omaha Sunday, Omaha police reported when notified of the finding of the car. The switch key had been broken off in the car when it was found by the residents of the community where it had been abandoned.

## Deputy Sheriff Goes to Kansas to Secure Joyrider

Frank Taylor, alias C. C. Clark, Held at Newton, Kansas, on Charges of Joyriding.

From Tuesday's Daily

Deputy Sheriff Ray Becker departed this morning at an early hour for Newton, Kansas, where he will secure Frank Taylor alias C. C. Clark, who is charged with having taken a Ford coupe from the garage of the Plattsmouth Motor Co., and drove it away.

The complaint filed in the county court charges the man with joyriding, taking the Ford coupe without the knowledge or consent of the Plattsmouth Motor Co., owners of the coupe.

When the taking of the car was reported to Sheriff Ed Thingan, he at once notified officers along the route which it was thought Clark or Taylor might take to Tulsa, Oklahoma, his destination.

Last evening the local officers were notified by the police department of Newton that the man was being held there and had agreed to waive extradition back to Nebraska.

## Twin Sisters Announce Engagements at Fremont

Misses Hazel and Helen Struble Make Announcement at Luncheon Held at Pathfinder.

An unusual announcement party was given in Fremont Saturday, when Miss Hazel Louise Struble, and Miss Helen Lucile Struble, twin daughters of Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Struble of that city, revealed their engagements at a luncheon at the Pathfinder hotel.

Miss Hazel Struble is betrothed to Harold P. Stebbins of Lincoln, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stebbins of Albion. Their wedding is to be an event of the early autumn. Both Miss Struble and Mr. Stebbins are graduates of the University of Nebraska, where she belongs to Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and he is affiliated with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Miss Helen Struble, who is engaged to Jackson Norman Meldrum, son of Mrs. Robert D. Hayden of Buffalo, Wyo., will be a bride of June 6. The young couple will go to Buffalo to reside following their marriage which will take place in Fremont. She is also a graduate of the university and member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and her fiance is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the university, from where he was graduated.

Both of the Misses Struble are teaching this year in the Junior high school in this city.

Pastel shaded flowers and tapers graced the luncheon table and the announcements containing the names of the two couples were concealed in pastel colored envelopes used as place cards. Contract bridge at the Struble home followed the luncheon.

## VISITS IN CITY

Mrs. H. F. Hendricks of Omaha, was calling on friends and relatives Saturday evening, being a guest of Vern Hendricks and wife.

Mrs. Hendricks lives at the Swedish Y. W. C. A. and is employed at the Adelphia, one of the finest apartment hotels in the city.

## 'The Charm School' is Very Clever Comedy

Play Selected for Senior Class Play one Certain to Please Audience.

The Senior class of Plattsmouth high school will present "The Charm School," a clever three act comedy as the annual play of the graduating class at the Platz theater Friday night. The cast has been working on the play for the past five weeks under the direction of Miss Florence Miller. Many members of the cast are experienced dramatic players and also combine with this previous experience in public speaking so that the various parts and details of the production have been well worked out.

The story is that of a young man, Austin Bevans, who inherits a girls' school. The humorous scenes revolve around his direction of the school and his application of his pedagogical ideas. This is one of the most popular of recent plays and is thoroughly wholesome and will be enjoyed by all.

The reserved seats will go on sale at Mauzy's Drug store Wednesday night at 4:30. There will be no advance sale other than this and those desiring tickets are asked to call at Mauzy's. Prices have been reduced in all sections this year in an effort to make it possible for a large audience to attend this final public program of the class of 1932. Seats in the parquet will sell for 50 cents; the dress circle and first two rows of the balcony for 25 cents. This is a substantial reduction over prices of previous years.

Aside from the work of coaching the play which has been handled by Miss Miller, a heavy responsibility has fallen on Mr. Harold Jordan, class sponsor, in arranging for scenery and the financial side of the production. His direction of these matters has been of real assistance in making the play possible. He has been ably assisted by members of the class among whom are Henry Donat, Keith Snyder, Clarence Forbes, Mott Frady and Raymond Heigl.

The play marks the first of the commencement affairs and will be followed by baccalaureate on Sunday night at the Presbyterian church with Rev. Harry G. McClusky as the speaker. Commencement exercises will be held at the high school Thursday night of next week.

## CALLED ON SAD MISSION

E. G. Shellenbarger, of this city, was called to Beaver City, Nebraska, Sunday by the death of his brother, B. E. Shellenbarger, which occurred on Friday. The funeral services of Mr. Shellenbarger were held Sunday. The death of Mr. Shellenbarger was the result of being overcome with monoxide gas. Friday afternoon Mrs. Shellenbarger, who had been out shopping, returned home and hearing the motor of the auto running in the garage had gone there to find the husband lifeless. He had apparently been working around the car and started the engine and in the closed up garage the gas gradually accumulated until he was overcome and gradually sank into death. The deceased was sixty-seven years of age and a long time resident of Beaver City and vicinity.

## PURCHASES RESIDENCE

The residence property on Oak street between Seventh and Eighth street, formerly owned by the First National bank, has been purchased by Postmaster J. W. Holmes. Mr. Holmes is having the residence thoroughly overhauled and redecorated by Frank Gobelman and his force. The residence is well located near the business section of the city and will make Mr. Holmes a very fine home in the future. The residence was erected a number of years ago by Ralph Haynie and later was secured by the First National bank. The sale was made by the receiver of the bank and closes up the properties that have been held by the receiver.

## TO HAVE GOLF BREAKFAST

The real golf enthusiasts of the city are to hold a golf breakfast at the country club next Sunday, C. A. Rosencrans, originator of the plan, states. Those who desire to join the breakfast party are urged to be ready to visit the golf course at 7 a. m. Sunday and after the rounds of golf are played the members of the party are to enjoy a real breakfast at the country club. Incidentally the losers of the pre-breakfast games will be the hosts to the winners at the feast of bacon and eggs, etc.

## Rotary Club Hears Story of Rock Bluffs

Judge C. L. Graves, a Pioneer of Community Tells of History of River Town.

An unusual treat was afforded the members of the Rotary club Tuesday at their luncheon when they had with them as the guest speaker, Judge Charles L. Graves, a pioneer resident of Cass county.

The subject of Judge Graves was that of "Rock Bluffs," that community that in the pioneer days of Nebraska territory was one of the important cities of the newly settled territory and was a contender of the pioneer towns to be the metropolis of the future state.

Judge Graves had come to the pioneer river town as a child and from his splendid recollection of early days he drew a wealth of reminiscence, stories of those who had helped form the early social and political life of the new west. Under his telling of the story time rolled back its curtain of forgotten memories and once again the river town was living as in the sixties.

To illustrate his remarks Judge Graves had with him a plat of the city of Rock Bluffs as laid out by the pioneers, the public square and the streets named after the great of the nation at that time. The early day town with its steamboat landing, the saw mills preparing the lumber to erect the homes of the early settler and the brick yard where the father of Judge Graves, W. W. Graves, had prepared the brick for the dwellings of the early town were all brought to mind. More vividly, however, were the stories of the youth of the community, the early day school, the teacher being the lady district judge, B. S. Ramsey, from whom Judge Graves had learned the rudiments of his later training. Stories of the early baseball games, the social life of the community, were woven in a fascinating tale of long ago, a real treat to the members of the Rotary, to most of whom the name of Rock Bluffs was but the designation of the present farming community.

In addition to the story of the pioneer town the members of the club had the pleasure of hearing two very fine vocal numbers offered by John J. Cloldt, "Just a Cottage Small by a Waterfall," and the winsome Irish melody, "Macushla." Mrs. Cloldt served as the accompanist for her husband.

The meeting was under the leadership of Mayor John P. Sattler.

## RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

In the local Scout awards for the past season, Herbert Minor received one of the high awards of the troop, being advanced to a star Scout for his excellent work in the organization. The young man has been very active in scouting and has advanced rapidly in his work. The award had the added pleasure of being presented to him by his grandfather, T. H. Pollock, one of the local Scout executive committee.

## ALLOWS CLAIM ON ESTATE

A hearing was held in the district court Monday on the claim of Mrs. Betty Barrows against the estate of C. N. Barrows, deceased. The claim had been filed for nursing Mr. and Mrs. Barrows during their illness. The court after hearing the evidence in the case allowed the sum of \$220 to the claimant for her services.

## Boy Scouts Hold Cosing Court of Honor

Last Ceremony Before School Vacation Starts—Have Had an Excellent Year.

From Tuesday's Daily

The Boy Scouts held the last court of honor of the year at the high school gym last evening, an event that was very largely attended by the Scouts as well as many of the parents. With this ceremony the activities of the Scouts will rest until the resumption of the school year next fall.

The court of honor was under the direction of Scoutmaster R. J. Larson and Scout Executive Russell Reeder, both of whom have been enthusiastic in their work with the Scouts and have contributed a great deal to the very successful season that scouting has had in this city.

The impressive ceremonies of the court were carried out by the patrol leaders, Aulton Rolland, Francis Libershal, Herbert Minor and James Robertson and in which all of the members of the troop joined.

The troop took into the membership as tenderfoot, Keith Miller, Burton Rishel, Billy Evers and George Mark, who were properly started on their scouting work.

Merit badges were awarded the various members of the troop, Francis Libershal receiving merits for signaling, reptile study and chemistry, this being presented by S. S. Davis, James Robertson received a merit for cement work, and Stephen Davis for public health, these merits being presented by L. O. Minor.

The Scouts on Saturday enjoyed a hike, taking their way along the bluffs of the Missouri river south of this city and incidentally enjoying an open air meal that was prepared by members of the party.

The next activity in scouting will be the summer camp at Camp Wilson, near Nebraska City, the area camp of the Scouts, and which will be attended by a number of the local Scouts.

The full strength troop that this city maintains has been the most efficient that scouting has enjoyed and the patrol work has been exceptionally fine.

## TO DELIVER ADDRESSES

Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, is to be at Lincoln on Friday to take part in the awards to be made the R. O. T. C. of the state university. Mrs. Rosencrans is to make the presentation of the Legion Auxiliary prize of \$25 to the most outstanding member of the training corps at the state university. This award is made each year by the Auxiliary.

On her return home Friday evening Mrs. Rosencrans will be a guest at the Mother's and Daughter's banquet which is to be held at Alvo, she being the chief speaker of the evening.

Mrs. Rosencrans has been very active in her work in the Auxiliary and her visits and speaking engagements have taken her over the entire state in the discharge of the duties of her office.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

William Wurga of this city was operated on Monday afternoon at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, for the correction of a rupture. Mr. Wurga has been troubled with this for some time and on the advice of his physicians decided to have the trouble corrected. The patient stood the operation nicely and it is hoped that he will be able to return home in a short time and relieved of his trouble.

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY

A complaint was filed in the county court Saturday by J. F. Wehrbein against Hugo Melsinger, in which the defendant was charged with speeding. On arraignment in court Mr. Melsinger entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and the hearing was set for Saturday, May 28th, when the evidence in the case will be taken.