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## Omaha Fireman Breaks Neck in Sandpit Here

Dive Into Shallow Water Results in Fatal Injury to Leo Lenz, 26; Dies Later in Hospital.

The first tragedy of the summer season at the Merritt sand pits, favorite bathing beach of this section, occurred late Saturday afternoon when Leo Lenz, 26, Omaha fireman, dove into the shallow water and broke his neck.

The young man in company with a companion, John E. Nemetz, Jr., had motored down from Omaha to enjoy a dip into the waters of the pit and to escape the extreme heat of the day. They had not been at the pit long until Lenz decided to dive into the waters of the pit, thinking that the water at that particular place was some eight foot deep he leaped into the water which was very shallow and remained motionless in the waters of the pit, his head remaining under the water. Nemetz swam to the rescue of the young man and with several others at the beach, succeeded in getting him onto shore.

The condition of the young man was found to be serious and a message was sent to this city and the Horton ambulance hurried to the scene and took the young man on to the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha. His condition was recognized as dangerous and the last rites of his church were administered to him at once.

Mr. Lenz died at 6:40 Sunday morning at the hospital as the result of the broken neck.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Lenz and is survived by a brother, Charles, and a sister, Mrs. Mariam Nash.

Mr. Lenz was a member of the Omaha fire department and had been a member of the department for several years.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 8:30 at the home 119 Demerott street and at 9 a. m. at the St. Patrick's church at 15th and Caster streets.

### EMMA C. BURDICK

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma C. Burdick, former resident of Nehawka, who died Friday at her home in Omaha, were held at Nehawka Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was at the Nehawka cemetery.

Mrs. Burdick was the widow of the late Fred Burdick, who was killed by a Missouri Pacific train at Union several years ago. She had made her home in Omaha for a number of years. She was well known in Nebraska City where she had often visited her sisters, the late Mrs. H. E. Hurlrichs and Mrs. John Scarp. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Pearl Hines, Nehawka; Miss Vera Burdick, Chicago; Mrs. John Bagley and Mrs. Anton Stalurski, Omaha. Two sisters, Mrs. Fred Nutzman and Mrs. N. Klarens and a brother, Henry Gruber, reside at Nehawka.

### RECEIVE JAIL SENTENCE

From Wednesday's Daily  
This morning Elvin Shryock and Charles Price, local young men, were arraigned in the district court before Judge Daniel W. Livingston, charged with being involved in the theft of chickens from the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The young men made their plea of guilty to the charge and were ready to receive their sentences.

The mothers of the young men were present and made a plea for leniency for the two while Sheriff Homer Sylvester added his recommendation as the two had already served some time in jail and were excellent prisoners. County Attorney W. G. Kleck stated that the stealing of chickens had become quite common here and he did not favor a parole of the young men but would not object to a light sentence being given.

Judge Livingston gave the young men thirty days in the county jail for their offense and they were turned back to the custody of Sheriff Sylvester.

### GRAB TRAFFIC VIOLATOR

The night police Sunday evening arrested Julius Gutchewsky, of Omaha, who is charged with violating the traffic rules of the city. The man driving his car failed to stop at the stop sign at Sixth and Main street, driving on through and turning north when he was captured by Officers Pickrell and Stewart. There were six in the car at the time. The owner and driver of the car was held here while funds were secured at Omaha and a cash bond of \$15 placed in the hands of the police and he allowed go on to his home. The hearing in the case has been set for 8 o'clock this evening before Judge C. L. Graves.

## Geologists Fail; Farmer Succeeds in Water Quest

Nehawka Man Locates Water Supply With Wire and Peach Rod—Solves Problem.

Water pumping from a sixty foot well at the rate of twelve gallons a minute Tuesday at Nehawka brought vindication to "water witching" and triumph to Henry Wellensiek, farmer.

Armed only with a battered section of heavy wire and a slender peach whip, Wellensiek located a new source for Nehawka's water supply when expert geologists had failed.

Last week end, Wellensiek took his divining apparatus and traversed the section where he believed a well should be sunk. When his wire instrument, bent into the shape of a "U," began to writhe in his hands, he marked the spot on the earth and commanded city officials to sink their well. "You'll strike a vein of water somewhere between sixty and sixty-three feet," he said. Tuesday, well diggers reached the sixty foot level and struck water.

Location of a source of water after several unsuccessful attempts solves a water problem which was rapidly becoming acute. City officials plan to sink half a dozen wells and connect them with a new distributing system to be constructed with the aid of PWA funds.

### PIONEER RAILROAD PICTURE

In the east window of the Westcott's clothing store is one of the collection of old time pictures of Plattsmouth people, taken from the George B. Mann collection. This is a group picture of the employees of the Burlington store department which was taken in 1885 when a large force of men was engaged there. Of the large number there is only one still residing in the city, James K. Pollock, present assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank. The list of names as far as could be checked by Mr. Mann comprised the following:

J. H. Waterman, Charles Wincoff, L. C. G. Brinkman, L. A. Dorrington, Sereno Dutton, T. C. Shepherd, Charles M. Wead, Walter Houseworth, Cliff Shepherd, John Kline, Henry Jackson, Samuel Hinkle, J. N. Glenn, S. C. (Tom) Wilde, Martin McGuire, William Slater, John Bajock, Sr., Peter C. Minor, William H. Mann, G. F. S. Burton, James K. Pollock, John J. Buttery, Jerry Ritter, George F. Houseworth, Dan Thouvenel, Charles E. Chassot, Thomas Wilkinson, Robert A. Ttate, John L. Minor, Charles M. Butler, H. T. Scribner, Capt. Edward Donovan, John H. Young.

### ASK PASTOR'S RETURN

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at the Methodist church Sunday with a large representation of the congregation being in attendance. The conference was presided over by Dr. M. E. Gilbert, superintendent.

The church congregation voted unanimously to ask the return of Rev. C. O. Troy to the Plattsmouth church where he is completing his fourth year of service.

The residents of the community at large will join with the members of the church in the hope that the genial pastor may again be sent here to serve the cause of his church and community.

## Cass County Hog-Corn Association Expense

Officers of Association Estimate Two and Three-fourths Per Cent of Benefit Payments.

Expenses of the Cass County Corn-Hog association up until July 1st will amount to 2 3/4 per cent of the benefit payments which farmers of this county will receive on their contracts, John B. Kafenberg, treasurer of the association says. He based the figures on the benefit payments at 20c per bushel on corn and \$5.00 per head on the hog allotment, compared with the budget turned in by the association for expenses up to July 1.

Books of the association are open to all men who sign contracts, and will show actual expenses of the association from the time activities started last January until June 30th. The facts of the case contradict rumors which may have been going around about the excessive expenses of the association.

Practically all of the money spent will go to local people, most of them members of the association, who have done the work. A little money has been spent for office equipment and supplies, and the remainder has gone for services and mileage of association committeemen and employees.

A new budget will be drawn by the directors of the association to cover the period from July 1 until the close of the year. This budget is not likely to be as high as the one for the organization period. In other words, the total expense of the corn-hog association will likely not be more than 5 per cent of the benefit payments. This means that farmers receiving benefit payments will pay in association expenses about five cents out of each dollar of total benefit payments.

The average corn-hog association of the state has drawn up contracts covering three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in benefit payments. Cass county has over a half million. Had a commercial corporation attempted to set up and manage an organization handling one-third to a half million dollars in a year, the corporation would have deducted about 25% for organization expenses, and then probably have employed a manager with a salary of from five to ten thousand dollars per year to handle the business of the organization. In the case of the corn-hog association, the members themselves have managed the organization of the association, and have not only been economical, but have spent practically all of the money within the county.

### VISITS IN THE CITY

H. H. Ragoss, one of the well known residents of the Louisville community, was in the city Saturday to spend a few hours visiting with friends and attending to some business matters. Mr. Ragoss is one of the active farm leaders in the county and a member of the wheat acreage reduction committee for Cass county and which has kept him quite busy. Mr. Ragoss has been busy the past week in his candidacy for the democratic nomination for county commissioner in the second district.

### DRAWN FIRST CHECK

From Monday's Daily  
The first check issued in Cass county in the corn hog reduction program was paid over today to E. H. Armstrong, well known resident of the vicinity of Greenwood. There is some \$20,000 that is to be distributed to the residents of Cass county that have signed up the hog corn agreements. The first to be paid will be the residents in the west portion of the county.

### DEPART FOR FAIR

Saturday night James Nowacek together with four of the carriers for the Omaha (World-Herald), departed for Chicago where they will spend a week at the Century of Progress exposition as guests of the newspaper. The carriers have earned their award by their special work and Mr. Nowacek as the local representative, was also invited.

### RETURN FROM OUNING

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ofe, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKissick and Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., returned home from Minnesota. The party have been spending a short time at East Battle Lake, Minnesota, one of the well known fishing resorts of that state. The party had some excellent fishing during their stay in the north woods and also found the weather nice and mild in every way and on Saturday it was cool enough for blankets. On their return they struck the extreme heat in northern Iowa and which continued to grow in intensity the farther south they came.

## Sues for \$50,000 Damages for Sand Pit Accident

Action Filed Here Saturday Night by Representatives of Leo Lenz, Who Has Since Died.

There was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court here Saturday evening an action in which Leo F. Lenz was the plaintiff and Harriet Merritt et al, defendants, asking damages in the sum of \$50,000. The case is an action for damages arising from the accident at the Merritt sand pits Saturday afternoon in which Leo Lenz suffered a broken neck and from which he died several hours after the filing of the suit in court here.

The petition states that the defendants maintain a swimming beach to which the plaintiff as well as others paid admission and that the company had represented the beach as safe and had erected and maintained a diving board from which the plaintiff had dived and received his fatal injuries.

The petition stated further that the plaintiff was twenty-six years of age and capable of earning from twenty-five dollars up per week, that the accident has permanently injured him, and for which reason the damage is asked.

Since the death of Mr. Lenz, it is probable that another action will be started by his estate against the defendants in the case.

### GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES

The following committees for the Plattsmouth Garden club have been announced by Mrs. E. H. Westcott, president of the club:

Publicity—Frank Smith, E. A. Webb, Paul Vandervoort.  
Flower Show—A. L. Tidd, chairman; Mrs. L. L. Wiles, secretary.  
Planning—Mrs. C. E. Hartford, Mrs. John Cloldt, Mrs. C. F. Janda, Roy Olson, F. A. Cloldt, John Svoboda.

Pilgrimage and Transportation—Mrs. J. E. Wiles, Mrs. L. S. Devoe, J. A. Pitz.  
Junior Garden Club—L. S. Devoe.  
Posters—Mrs. Otto Keck, Mrs. Jess Wanga, Mrs. Fred Herberst, Anna Peoples.

City Beautiful—A. L. Tidd, J. A. Pitz, Mrs. Lillian Freeman.  
Courtesy Committee—Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, general chairman; Mrs. Frank M. Bestor, Mrs. J. H. McMaken, Mrs. Fritz Fricke, Mrs. Roy Stewart, Miss Estelle Baird, Mrs. Harry White.

Scrapbook—Mrs. Fritz Fricke.  
Library—Mrs. C. E. Helfmann, Miss Minnie Guthmann, Roy Olson.

### SETTLE DISPUTES

The board of control of the kittenball league at their meeting this week took up the matter of the schedule for the second half of the season, but the schedule committee have been withholding their schedule until the matter of two additional teams is settled and which seem very likely to materialize.

The board also took up the matter of two protested games and made its findings. In the matter of the protest game between the Mynard team and that of the Norfolk Packers, over the fact that one Mynard player claimed to have scored and was not credited, the official score was sustained and the game awarded to the Packers.

In the game scheduled between the Orphans and Wintersteen Hill in which the Wintersteen Hill team failed to show up for play, the board awarded the game to the Orphans as forfeited.

## Flower Mission and White Ribbon Recruit Program

W. C. T. U. Has Largely Attended Meeting and Fine Features Prepared by Leaders of Union.

The W. C. T. U. held a most interesting meeting at the Fellowship room of the First Presbyterian church, which for the occasion had been arranged with the bright summer flowers to observe the Flower Mission day of the Union. The little ones of the white ribbon recruits also added their touch of charm to their portion of the program.

Mrs. Fred G. Morgan, chairman of the Flower Mission, was in charge of that part of the program and had arranged a very beautiful and attractive program that carried out the charming custom established by Miss Jennie Cassidy, the originator of the Mission. Mrs. Morgan gave the beautiful poem, "God Let Me Give," as well as a sketch of the life of Miss Jennie Cassidy.

In this feature of the program fine musical selections were heard, there being several piano numbers by Jean Knorr, Cecil Comstock, Mrs. Donald Gray of Gilliam, Louisiana, while little Miss Elizabeth Ann Wiles gave two splendid readings.

Miss Elizabeth Spangler, associated with Mrs. Morgan in the program presented each of the ladies with a very beautiful bouquet as well as a scripture card, a present from Mrs. C. R. Troop, who for so many years served the Union efficiently as their president.

Mrs. E. H. Westcott gave two of her always enjoyed vocal offerings appropriate to the double program of the afternoon, the accompaniment being played by Mr. Westcott.

### White Ribbon Recruits.

The latter portion of the afternoon was devoted to White Ribbon Recruit day, Mrs. S. A. Wiles serving as the leader of this section of the entertainment.

Two little recruits were received, Avis Marie Troop and Charles Howard Newton.

In the program of the afternoon Emerson Wiles was heard in two readings and Charles Howard Newton also was presented in a reading. Mrs. Howard Wiles, who with Mrs. S. A. Wiles, hostesses of the afternoon, gave a very interesting paper on "The Quiet Hour." Mrs. J. E. Wiles was heard in a most inspirational paper, "The Influence of a Good Mother." Mrs. Lois Troop, one of the active leaders of the Union, gave two of her always dramatic readings that were deeply appreciated by the ladies.

After the refreshments the flowers from the mission were distributed among the sick of the city.

### VISITING IN THE CITY

Mrs. F. R. Gobelman has the pleasure of a visit this week from a sister, Mrs. Ruth Grow of Mansfield, Texas, as well as a niece, Arlene Blanch Wood and Mrs. Della Laney of Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Grow will spend the rest of the summer at Sidney, Iowa, with her mother, Mrs. David Hiatt, while Miss Wood will spend her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Hiatt at Sidney and also at Springfield. Mrs. Laney is a very close friend of the ladies and will be a house guest of Mrs. Gobelman for the week.

### HERE FOR VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shellenbarger and son, Merle, with Mr. and Mrs. Al Harding, of Beaver City, have been here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger, returning home Monday. Mr. M. L. Shellenbarger is a nephew of Mr. E. G. Shellenbarger and grandson of Abram Shellenbarger of this city.

### MAKE FAST TIME

From Wednesday's Daily  
A message was received here today from Henry Donat, who with Leonard Shanholts and Mary Jane Mark, left here Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, had arrived at Portland, Oregon, forty-seven hours later. This is a fast trip and the members of the party enjoyed it very much.

### UNION PARTIES ARRESTED

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Walling were at Union Tuesday evening where they were called by the report of disorder being caused in that place. They found that Frank Boggs and Roy Cogdell had been the cause of the trouble, it being alleged that Boggs was intoxicated and that Cogdell had used improper language in the presence of the wife of the owner of a restaurant in the village. The men were brought here and later arraigned before Judge A. H. Duxbury. The court found both guilty, Boggs drawing down a fine of \$10 and costs and Cogdell one of \$1 and costs.

## Rotary Club Has Program of Community Service

Searl S. Davis Leader and Number of Local People Give Views on Many Projects.

The Rotary club meeting on Tuesday was under the leadership of Searl S. Davis, head of the community service committee of the club and brought out a large number of interesting ideas on matters of public service.

Mr. Davis called on various members of the committee who discussed the swimming pool, skating ponds, publicity and other features that might add to the advancement of the civic life. Those who participated in the discussion were L. O. Minor, president of the club, John E. Frady, Milford B. Bates, Frank M. Bestor and Arthur Troop. Many very helpful suggestions were made that might add to the possibilities of improving the city.

Mr. B. B. Davis, Scout executive in charge of Camp Quivera, located near Cedar Creek, was present and gave a very fine talk on the work of the camp which is just closing and which has had a large group of boys from the Cornhusker area in the past few months.

Dr. R. R. Anderson of Omaha was also present as a guest of Dr. P. T. Heinemann, Dr. Anderson being here in charge of the practice of Dr. R. P. Westover during his vacation.

### DRAW DOWN FINES

The court of Judge A. H. Duxbury Monday afternoon presented an active appearance as three prisoners were on hand to be charged with intoxication. Two of the men, Tom Glendon and Earl Daugherty, were arrested at Nehawka on Monday morning by Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Walling, following a call from Nehawka that the men had been making a disturbance and were under influence of liquor. The two were found near the Nehawka depot dozing when the officers arrived and brought them on into this city. After hearing the stories of the parties and the fact that the two had farms near Otoe and which required their services, the court gave a fine of \$1 and costs.

John Johnson, arrested at Weeping Water Sunday for intoxication was also given a fine of \$1 and costs for his offense.

### TRAVEL BY MOTORCYCLE

Sunday morning there passed through this city a family of six all riding on one motorcycle and side car and apparently having a real time. The side car had been arranged with a large box and in which rode the mother and three small children while the father drove and a larger girl occupied a seat on the rear of the motorcycle. The party received a good shaking up when they came along Sixth street over the rough pavement.

### GOES TO CHICAGO

From Monday's Daily  
This morning Miss Mary Swatek departed for Chicago where she will be the guest of friends and expects to attend the Century of Progress exposition and view the many interesting features of this exposition. Later she will go to Lakeside, Michigan, where she will enjoy a short stay and also visit at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before returning home.

## Red Sox Win from Ramblers Here Sunday

Locals Take Game by Score of 6 to 4 in an Interesting Game at Athletic Park.

The local Red Sox baseball team, minus the services of several of their regulars, Sunday afternoon took the Rattlers of Omaha, winning the game by the score of 6 to 4, before an audience that had gathered despite the intense heat and blistering wind.

The locals started in to take a lien on the game in the opening inning when after Stone was retired McCarthy singled and when the hit of Krejci was juggled in right field he was able to tally and Krejci scored on the double of Pierce.

In the second inning Les Thimgan tripped to start the inning and scored on the single of Taylor who also scored on the double of McCarthy.

The locals closed their scoring in the third with two more runs, Krejci was the recipient of benefit from several errors that placed him on base, scoring on the blow of Thimgan who was able to advance while Taylor was being given a pass to first and the hit of Bradley scored the last run of the locals.

The visitors scored two of their runs in the fourth inning as the result of four safe hits that they secured off Bradley, but aside from this inning they were never dangerous.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Red Sox—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Stone, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
McCarthy, 2b	4	1	3	4	2	0
Svoboda, 1b	4	0	0	9	0	0
J. Krejci, ss	4	2	1	3	3	1
Pierce, 3b	2	0	1	0	2	0
F. Krejci, c	3	0	0	3	2	0
Thimgan, lf	3	2	3	1	0	0
Taylor, rf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Bradley, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
	29	6	10	21	10	2

Rattlers—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Jackson, rf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Rooplock, c-p	4	0	0	3	1	3
Ash, 3b	3	2	2	1	1	2
McElroy, cf	3	1	2	1	0	0
Nelson, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cass, ss	3	0	1	4	4	0
Jenkins, 1b	3	0	1	7	0	0
Lepaine, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Arnold, 2b	1	0	0	0	2	1
Godner, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Specks, lf	2	1	2	2	0	0
	28	4	8	18	8	7

### DIES AT MASONIC HOME

The death of Mrs. Rachel H. Graves, 84, occurred on Monday night at the Nebraska Masonic Home where she had been a resident since January 9, 1934, she being in very serious condition when brought here to be cared for.

The deceased lady was born at Emporia, New York, February 22, 1850, spending her younger years there and later coming west to Nebraska. She was a member of Liberty chapter, No. 273, Order of Eastern Star, of Omaha.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Florence Graves of Nebraska City.

The body was taken to the Horton funeral home to await the arrangements for the funeral as it has not been decided whether the burial will be here or at Deadwood, South Dakota, where others of the family are buried.

### FINDS CROPS INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lillie returned home Monday night from a trip through Richardson and Pawnee counties in the interest of Mr. Lillie's candidacy for the democratic nomination for land commissioner. They report that the crops in that section west of Falls City look very bad, the drouth and the hot weather having baked the growing crops and presenting a most discouraging outlook for any crops even tho a rain should come in the next few days.

Pastures are as brown as in the late fall while field after field of corn is whitened by the dry and heat, the corn brittle to the touch. Fruit trees also have suffered from the heat in this great fruit section of Nebraska and late apples look bad.