

# AVOCA NEWS

Elmer Holstrom was locking after some business matters for the bank in Weeping Water last Monday.

H. M. Lum of the Avoca Lumber company was a visitor in Lincoln last Sunday, where he spent the day with friends.

Marion Pitman and the family visited at the home of Mrs. Laura Fleishman, where the parents of Mr. Pitman reside, one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. DeLong, of Syracuse, were visiting in Avoca last Monday, and were looking after some business, seeking to purchase corn here.

Many of the people of Avoca attended the Kuntz estate sale, which was a big one and attracted a large number of people. Goods brought a very fair figure.

Harry A. Williams, who resides northeast of Weeping Water, was a visitor in Avoca last Saturday, distributing sale bills for a sale which he will hold on this coming Monday, February 4th.

Mrs. Fred Marquardt and her mother, Mrs. Bedella Stander, who has been here from her home in Louisville visiting at the Marquardt home for some time, were in Lincoln last Friday on a shopping trip.

Harry Watson and Harry Bayer sold to the Marquardt elevator some 1,500 bushels of corn last Monday, to be delivered during the present week. At the prevailing prices, considerable corn that was held in storage is being sold.

Reports come from Cedar Crossing of a visit there by the stork at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Heil, bringing to the happy parents a very fine baby girl. Both she and the mother are doing nicely. This is pleasing news to the grandmother, Mrs. L. J. Marquardt.

Everett Carter was putting up ice for himself as well as for a number of others who have storage facilities for handling the frozen product. They completed their work Saturday. This winter has been productive of a good crop of ice and many everywhere have availed themselves of the opportunity of laying in a supply.

Mrs. Bedella Stander, of Louisville, who has been visiting for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred L. Marquardt, returned home last Sunday. She was accompanied by the daughter and husband, who took her over in their car and remained for the evening, a six o'clock dinner being enjoyed there at the home of Mrs. Stander.

### Home Over Sunday

Senator Fred L. Carsten was a visitor at home over Sunday, returning to resume his duties in the state legislature Monday morning. On Monday, Elmer Hennings the barber and his wife were at Lincoln and were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Carsten, who are making their home in the capital city during the legislative session.

### Made Good Sale of Corn

James James, of Nebraska City, where he is engaged in the law business, disposed of 12,000 bushels of corn which he has been holding in storage in this vicinity for some time, the grain to be delivered to Nebraska City as rapidly as possible. The price of corn is very good now and the demand continues to exceed the supply, apparently.

### Held Annual Meeting

The Avoca Mutual Telephone company, which is a stock company composed of local people, met last Saturday night, with a large number of the stockholders present. Reports of the past year's business were most encouraging and showed it had been conducted at a profit. The annual election of officers resulted in naming the following: E. R. Straub, president; George Ludwig, vice president; Fred L. Carsten, secretary-treasurer; Carl Tefft and Herman Kennae, directors, who with the officers comprise the governing body.

### Taken to Hospital

Mrs. Albert Rohlf has been in poor health for some time and as her condition became more serious it was decided to have her taken to St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, where she is receiving treatment.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

FERRY WILLIAMS will hold a Public Sale at his farm located 1/2 mile north and 3/4 miles east of Manley and 1/2 mile north and 3/4 east of Weeping Water, starting at 10 a. m. on—

Monday, Febr. 4th

Consisting of horses and mules, cattle and hogs; 20 tons of baled alfalfa hay, and full line of machinery.

REX YOUNG, Auctioneer  
W. M. RAU, Clerk

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## Freeman Homestead May Become a National Park

First in the Country Lies in Gage County, Near Beatrice—Interest Is Spreading.

Citizens of Beatrice for the past thirty years have been making an effort to convert the Daniel Freeman homestead No. 1 into a national park. The interest now has not only spread throughout the state of Nebraska, but has gone beyond its boundaries into other states.

The Freeman homestead is five miles northwest of Beatrice. It contains 150 acres of fertile soil. It is a typical midwestern tract in the shape of a T. Its surface varies from slightly rolling to level areas. Thru the center a small stream winds, fed by constant flowing springs. The banks of the stream are carpeted by a heavy growth of blue grass, shaded by stately trees of several varieties.

The old freighting road from the Missouri river to the mountains runs for nearly a mile thru the homestead and on the hill at one corner of the farm overlooking the valley and the freighting road are the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman. A short distance below is a marker made of the stone taken from the old Nebraska capitol, erected by the D. A. R. of Nebraska.

The Daniel Freeman homestead marks the most important act for the welfare of the people ever passed in the history of the United States. For the first eighty years of the United States history there were no free homesteads. All those who wanted land had to purchase it. While it was priced low, the people in many cases were too poor to buy it even at a low cost. In 1852 a party called the free soil party demanded homesteads for the people. In 1854 the first free homestead bill was introduced by Congressman Glusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania. The act required the settler to pay 25 cents an acre for the land and it was passed in 1860, but it was vetoed by President Buchanan. Two years later the bill was introduced again in a slightly different form and on May 20, 1862, the free homestead act was finally passed and signed by President Lincoln. The law was effective Jan. 1, 1863.

The homestead act had its inception in the desire to relieve the conditions in the east. There were many unemployed people as is the case now. The homestead act in one respect was a reward to soldiers of the union army and to give every citizen a right to make a home upon the public domain.

The first free homestead in the United States was taken by Daniel Freeman on Cub creek in Gage county, Nebraska. When the free homestead bill was signed, Daniel Freeman was a soldier in the union army. Shortly after that when on a furlough, he selected his tract of land and started for the nearest land office, which was Brownville. He arrived there Dec. 31, 1862. The little village was thronged with settlers there for the same purpose. The land seekers enjoyed themselves that evening at a New Years party. Next day being New Years day, the land office was closed. Mr. Freeman had orders to leave on the first of January to join his regiment. It was known how anxious Daniel Freeman was to be the first to file for a homestead, so by general consent, at midnight, the clerk of the land office opened it for a few minutes thus making it possible for Daniel Freeman to sign for the first homestead in the United States.

Daniel Freeman served in the union army until the close of the Civil war in 1865. He then brought his bride and settled on his Nebraska homestead, which symbolizes the home building and settlement of the middlewest.

It was found that in sandhill areas 150 acres was not sufficient to support a family, so in 1904, thru the efforts of Congressman Moses P. Kinkead of Nebraska, another homestead act was passed, increasing the area from 160 acres to 640 acres. Some 8,000,000 acres of sandy and rough land was settled by virtue of this act. Today it is being found that many of these areas cannot support families even on this enlarged basis and so the government is buying back this land and is turning it into wild game reserves, national parks, and forest reserves similar to the Halsey reserve and the Niobrara river reserve in Cherry county.

R. D. Stine and son, Ruben, of Union, were in the city Saturday afternoon to look after some matters of business and visiting with friends for a short time.

Journal Want-Acs costs little and accomplish much.



## SPORTETTE



BOSTON ... Mr. Thomas Yawkey, youthful president of the Boston Red Sox, was told that owning a major league baseball team was no piker game. He took them at their word and went out and closed a \$250,000 deal with Washington to get Joe Cronin for his 1935 manager. "Tic that!" says Mr. Yawkey.

## JOE GAIH

GERTIE GADDER SAYS A LOTTA GIRLS WONT SMOKE CIGARETTES 'CAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID THE FELLERS WILL LEAVE 'EM TO BLOW THEIR OWN RINGS.



## Weeping Water

Herbert Cappen was called to Lincoln last Monday to look after some business matters, making the trip in his car.

Miss Clara Johnson and Miss Irene Gibson were visiting with friends and looking after some shopping in Lincoln last Monday.

Peter Anderson and Antone Jourgason were called to Plattsmouth on Friday of last week, where they had some business matters to look after.

Mrs. Rasmus Lorenson, who has been in poor health for the past two weeks, was taken to the hospital in Lincoln last week for observation and treatment.

Little Mary Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, the new grocer, has been quite ill for the past few days, but is reported some better at this writing.

Sterling Amick, who has been sick most of the past week with flu and tonsillitis, is feeling much better and is able to be up and around again, but not feeling the best as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Browne and Elliott Browne were in Omaha on last Sunday, where they called on DeForest Philpot at the hospital and found him making good progress toward recovery.

Rev. E. S. Pangborn was a business and social visitor in Nehawka on last Monday, calling on the members of his congregation there, as he has the two charges, Weeping Water and Nehawka to look after.

C. Wally Johnson, of Friend, where he is engaged in the moving picture business, accompanied by his wife, were visiting in Weeping Water last week, they coming on Friday and remaining over for a day.

Fred Koehler, of Weeping Water, and Lee McCann, of Avoca, departed for Flint, Michigan, last Friday via bus, and on arrival there will secure a new Oldsmobile from the factory, driving the same back to Weeping Water.

County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christensen were over to Plattsmouth last Saturday, where they were looking after some business at the court house and meeting with their many friends as well.

Troy L. Davis, Ray Wiles, Peter Spangler and a number of others from this vicinity were at Elmwood, going over to attend the sale of the Kuntz estate. They report a very nice crowd and much interest with the property commanding good prices.

## WEEPING WATER

were in Omaha on last Sunday, where they went to visit with some friends from out state who were in one of the hospitals there and also called on DeForest Philpot, whom they found improving rapidly following his operation of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Binger and son Ralph were in Omaha last Sunday, at which place they were visiting with friends. During their stay, they paid a visit to the hospital, where they called on DeForest Philpot, who is now convalescing following an operation which he underwent last week.

Bert Philpot was also over to see his brother, who is getting along splendidly.

Found Son Not So Well  
Richard Schwere, who has been at the hospital in Omaha for some two weeks, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis, has not been feeling so well the past few days, although his early recovery was very rapid. The father, C. J. Schwere, was in Omaha on Monday to visit his son.

Miss Helen Lane Sick  
Miss Helen Lane, who has been employed at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth for some time past, is at home, having contracted a severe case of the flu, which ran into pneumonia. Latest reports from her bedside are to the effect that she is some better. Her many friends are hoping that she may soon be well again.

Now Some Better  
E. E. Day, who has been sick and confined to his bed for more than a week, is reported as being some better at this time and it is hoped he will soon be able to be up again and able to resume his regular duties.

Many Men Working Now  
The Jasper Stone company are doing much work at this time with some 65 men at work in the quarries and it is expected that the number will be increased in the near future. Ole Olsen also is employing about twelve to fifteen at his quarries.

Engages in Business for Self  
Joe Bender, who has been employed at the Knudsen Jensen market for the past two years, in company with another man, has engaged in business at York. Mr. Bender will have charge of the market department of the new enterprise. The new business was inaugurated with good prospects of success if early volume is any criterion. We are sure Mr. Bender will do his share to make the venture succeed.

## NEHAWKA

for he is a tireless worker and is well versed in market management.

Some Better but Still in Bed  
Chris Kazmussen, who has been sick at home for nearly two weeks is still confined to his bed, but is some better and is hoping that in a short time he will be able to be up and out again. The sons, however, are looking after the business all right during his confinement in bed.

Enjoy Birthday Surprise  
Mrs. H. M. Prall and her sister, Mrs. Mabel Harmer, having birthdays falling on last Sunday, Mrs. Harmer and a party of friends came to the Prall home, where they celebrated the occasion. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Christensen and daughter, Bodina, John Welhard and wife, Paul Fowler and family, Maude Moulton and T. L. Bailey and family.

Services at Methodist Church  
Bible school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Praying at 11:00 in the morning.

All not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited to these services. We welcome any one visiting in the city.  
E. S. PANGBORN,  
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Miss Ellen Reese went to Lincoln last Monday morning to spend a few days at the home of an aunt residing there.

The Sheldon store completed its annual inventory last Monday, and all are well pleased that this extra bit of work is out of the way.

Earl Troop was a business visitor in Omaha on Monday of this week, driving over to the big town to look after securing some employment.

Rev. Otto Engebretson, pastor of the United Brethren churches at Nehawka and Otterbein, is at this time confined to his home with an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Troop were visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Victor Wehrlein, who resides some distance west of Murray, last Monday evening.

Rev. E. S. Pangborn, pastor of the Methodist churches at Weeping Water and Nehawka, was in town Monday, calling on members of the congregation here and looking after some matters of business.

John Hicks was visiting and looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth during the early part of this week, being a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hitt and family. Mrs. Hitt is a sister of Mr. Hicks.

John Opp and family were visiting last Sunday over near Weeping Water, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Plunkett, who reside on the J. L. Wiles farm. All enjoyed a fine visit.

Mrs. Ralph Stander of Wilsey, Kansas, who has been visiting with relatives in and about Nehawka, departed for home last Sunday. Her uncle, Albert Anderson, took her to Lincoln, where she caught a Rock Island train for home.

Mrs. John O. Yeiser and the boys came down from Omaha and visited over Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sturm. They returned to their home Sunday evening, being accompanied by the daughter, Suzanne, age 5, who had been making her home with the grandparents for a few years. Suzanne started to kindergarten in Omaha last Monday.

The ladies of the Methodist Aid society were serving refreshments at the sale of George McFadden on last Monday, picking up a little money to be used in the advancement of the church. With times hard and competition keen, an extra heavy burden has fallen upon church women everywhere to keep the work going forward, for, like everything else, it takes money.

Methodist Church Services  
At the Methodist church here there is held Bible school every Sunday morning at 10:15. Preaching by the pastor at 11:30. The Nehawka Brotherhood meets the third Tuesday evening of each month.

At Weeping Water the Brotherhood meets on the second Thursday evening of the month. Visitors from Nehawka welcome at all times, as well as to the Weeping Water church services which include preaching at 10, Bible school at 11, E. L. at 6:30 and the evening preaching service at 7:30.—Rev. E. S. Pangborn, Pastor.

Had a Good Sale  
George McFadden, who has been farming but was not able to secure a farm this year, held a sale of his farming machinery and other equipment last Monday and was able to realize good prices for what he had to dispose of. Rex Young was the auctioneer and Walter J. Wunderlich the clerk. Mr. McFadden will work on the farm for Louis Ross this coming summer.

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der on R which keeps the car from going more than thirty miles an hour until it is well broke in. As his old car would get out and do fifty or better, the restricted speed of this new model makes it seem very slow to the owner, although he realizes the wisdom of this precaution while the motor is new and stiff. It is said that the manner of breaking a car in determines its life and freedom from costly repair bills and the makers of this car have fixed it so the restless driver, fretting at slow progress can't step on the gas and do damage to his car until it is seasoned and capable of going faster. Stewart says it might be well to restrict all cars to that speed all the time. Then, there are some on the road that won't even do thirty! What about them?

### Home from the Hospital

On Tuesday of this week, Mrs. J. S. Rough, who has been at the hospital in Lincoln for many weeks, undergoing treatment and an operation, from which recovery was slow and sometimes doubtful, arrived home and was well pleased to be back with her family and friends after the long time spent in the loneliness of a hospital room. We are pleased to report that she is getting along very nicely, although she is still far from being restored to normal health. Her hospital nurse accompanied her home and will remain to care for her during the balance of her convalescence period.

All are hopeful that she will continue to gain rapidly and will be able to be up and about again in the not far distant future.

### TO SAVE NEBRASKA CATTLE

Washington.—Representative Coffee said federal emergency relief food loan officials had assured him prompt action would be taken to prevent cattle death losses in western Nebraska. Coffee had received several reports of animals starving to death in Rock and western Cherry counties and said apparently part of the difficulty was because people didn't know where they could obtain the emergency loans. He said he was promised action would be taken to relieve any distress.

### NEW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPS

Topeka.—New leadership is developing in the republican party and will be prepared for the 1936 campaign. Governor Landon of Kansas declared here on the eve of a conference of midwest party leaders. Landon, the only republican governor to win re-election last fall, addressed the Kansas Women's Republican club in advance of Tuesday's gathering of party chiefs for informal conferences and celebration of Kansas day.

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