

MANLEY NEWS

George Coon and Fred Lawrensen were unloading lumber at the Manley yard on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo arms and son were at Talmage last Sunday, enjoying an Easter visit with the mother of Mrs. Harms.

The Pinochle party given by the ladies of the parish was well attended. Mrs. John C. Murphy was awarded the special prize.

Mrs. Catherine Erhart and Miss Catherine Reinke drove to Lincoln on Saturday to attend the ordination services at the cathedral.

Frank Bergman and the family were in Plattsmouth Easter Sunday, where they were guests at the home of John Bergman and his sister, Miss Elizabeth.

Mesdames Herman Rauth, Michael Honor and Oscar Dowler were enjoying a kensington at the home of Mrs. Knude Jensen in Weeping Water on last Tuesday.

Charles and Miss Margaret Murphy were in Omaha Tuesday of last week, where they were visiting with friends and as well were looking after some shopping.

Fred Fleishman and wife were at Ashland last Tuesday for a visit at the home of their two daughters, Mrs. Charles Gade and Robert Cochran during the afternoon.

Frank Stander of Omaha, James Carper of Lincoln and August Stander of Elmwood were in Manley last Tuesday afternoon looking after their varied interests.

John C. Rauth was busy during the latter portion of last week with the rebuilding of the fences that had to be removed when the lily pool was moved from their lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Meier, of Louisville, were visiting in Manley for Easter and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mockenhaupt for the day and a very fine dinner.

The Auburn Deacons of the N. C. C. W. will hold their spring meeting in the hall Wednesday, May 1st, at 1:30 p. m. Guests from all the parishes will attend and a large crowd is expected.

Misses Lorene Dall, Margaret Bergman and Ruth Norton, who attend school at Peru, were home for the Easter vacation, being taken back to Peru on last Monday morning by Herman Dall, father of Lorene.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kupke and their little daughter, Mary Lou, of Hoardville, were spending a few days, extending over Easter Sunday, at the home of the parents of Mrs. Kupke, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schliefer.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rauth entertained at 5:30 dinner on Easter Sunday. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mockenhaupt and children, Miss Mary Murphy and Misses Lily C. Tighe and Anne Rauth, of Omaha.

Eli Keckler, who is employed on the O street highway paving job, assisting with the grading work, was looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth Monday morning. Like other workmen on the paving job, he is limited to six hour shifts each day, so has considerable spare time on his hands.

Mrs. Emma Andrews, who has been making her home with her daughter at Los Angeles during the

winter, returned to her home here late last week. She reports having had a fine time while away, but that there was plenty of unemployment on the west coast and many people on the relief rolls.

Mrs. O. E. McDonald has been enjoying a visit of a few days at the home of Mrs. Myra McDonald at Murray and also with relatives in Plattsmouth. On last Tuesday, Mr. McDonald and William Lau were over to the county seat looking after some business matters and on their return, Mrs. McDonald returned with them, Mr. McDonald taking the wife on over to Murdock.

Will Have Bible Contest

There will be held in Manley on Sunday, May 12th, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon a contest for Bible students, the most proficient of which will be determined by examination. Books and literature touching on the subject and explaining the contest and the rules governing same are now in the hands of Mrs. Fred Lawrensen, who will cheerfully explain to any one inquiring for information.

Moved Lily Pool

The lily pool at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rauth was recently presented to Herman Rauth and wife, thereby offering a problem of how to move the pool, which weighs several tons. It was mounted on skids and with the aid of four horses was moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rauth, who had the same installed in their yard. They have filled the pool with water and will place therein a goodly number of gold fish as well as pond lilies and other dressings which will make the pool a very attractive addition to their lawn this summer.

Guests on Easter Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Erhart and family, Arlene and Leo, entertained the following guests on Easter Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pfeiffer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sands and family, of Nebraska City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sands and family of Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meyers of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Meyers and family, Clarence Meyers of Avoca; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Toms of Elmwood; William, Marion, Dolores and Paul Erhart of Wabash; Elaine Fitzpatrick and Lem Erhart of Omaha; Mrs. Catherine Erhart and Catherine Sheehan of Manley, and Loretta Meyers of Nehawka.

Death of William Casey

William Casey, who was engaged in the conduct of a cafe in Manley until a few weeks ago, when he held a sale and moved to McCook to accept the position of caretaker of a parochial school, while Mrs. Casey was to act as housekeeper for the two resident priests occupying the parish house, passed away last Saturday at the age of 62 years. He had made his home in Cass county a good many years, but moved to Lincoln a few years ago. After residing there for a short time he came back to Cass county and engaged in farming near Manley, afterward coming to town to engage in business.

The funeral was held in Lincoln, where the remains were laid to rest.

FATHER AGIUS ILL

From Saturday's Daily
Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's Catholic church, was taken so severely ill last evening that it was necessary to have him taken to the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha for treatment and care. Father Agius was taken to the hospital in the Horton ambulance and stood the trip very nicely. The many friends are hopeful that this highly esteemed gentleman will soon be on the highway to recovery and to carry on his great work.

The masses at the church here Sunday will be celebrated by a supply priest from the Columbian mission at Bellevue.

Wall Paper, Paint, Glass
FRANK R. GOBELMAN

Dr. G. H. Gilmore Writes of Pioneer Cass County Life

Well Known Former Murray Resident Gives History of Thos. Patterson, Pioneer Surveyor.

"The Territory of Nebraska was organized from the Great Indian Territory May 30, 1854, and on June 24th following, when the Indian title had been extinguished, a flood of settlers entered this new country and hurriedly staked out claims along the Missouri river under the unwritten law of 'squatters' sovereignty.' Such claims frequently overlapped with boundary disputes and serious trouble.

"A war was also on between 'claim jumpers,' vigilantes and the various claim club organizations. Claim sharks sold to greenhorns any claim in sight for cash and left, thus creating more disputes over claim ownership. Some settlers 'pulled stakes' and returned east, some were put over the river and two known victims were put through a hole in the ice below Plattsmouth one cold winter night.

"These hostilities in eastern Cass county were not quieted until after October 31, 1855, on which date Thomas Patterson of Rock Bluffs was awarded a contract by Surveyor General John Calhoun to sectionize and subdivide the townships along the Missouri river from Nebraska City north to the Platte river. This survey covered what is now Wyoming precinct in Otoe county and Liberty, east Nehawka, Rock Bluffs and Plattsmouth precincts in Cass county.

Instruments Preserved

"The old type of surveyor's compass with which this tract was surveyed by Thomas Patterson, his diary started in 1827, many territorial documents, first ballots voted in Nebraska and many heirlooms of pioneer days of Nebraska are in the possession of his grandchildren, Robert and Chase Patterson, Mrs. Joe Shera and Mrs. William Baker, who reside in or near where once stood the busy river town of Rock Bluffs.

"Before this survey was made, authorized 'road viewers' had staked out mail routes and emigrant roads, their courses winding along the divide of the rolling prairie and leading down through a valley to an easy fording point. Steamboat landings, trading posts and water driven flour and saw mills were important centers to the early settlers and the men operating these enterprises were usually outstanding figures in governmental affairs.

"The advent of the railroads destroyed river transportation and with it river towns and towns through which they did not pass, as today the paved highway is destroying the railroads and the small towns along their routes.

"From the notes and maps of Surveyor Patterson made in 1856, this first epoch mentioned is clearly established.

Earl Legislator

"The survey of this river tier of townships started in Wyoming precinct and April 7, 1856, we find the surveyors at 'Cowel's mill dam on Walnut creek.' C. H. Cowel was one of Nebraska's first legislators. North of here on the Missouri river 'the town of Wyoming' is platted, a town which blazed with frontier tragedy, the home of McWalters, who led a penitentiary outbreak and Quin Bohannon, who killed his man in an argument over the spelling of the word 'peddler.' Wyoming was also winter quarters for the Mormons, and 6,500 left this point and trekked across the plains to Utah. Scrap iron, stone and corn fields now cover the site of a leading city of early days.

"On the Weeping Water 'Folden's house' is located. Here Folden's Mill was built and 'Strink Town' grew up along the roadway, but all vanished with the building of Union. On South Branch 'George Hunt is erecting a saw mill on the northeast quarter of section 27.' Here the town of Factorville developed rapidly with stores, churches, blacksmith shops, doctor's office and even a university was established.

Dust Covers Site

This town site is covered today with a field of drouth stunted corn stalks. Territorial roads led to Kirkpatrick's mill on the Weeping Water. S. M. Kirkpatrick served in the first territorial legislature and it was on his land below the mill that the town of Nehawka was established in 1887.

"At a point two miles north of Nehawka, 'W. D. Gage has a claim in the south part of sections 4 and 5. The northeast quarter of section 5 is laid out for a city by the name of Mount Pleasant.' This remained a paper town. 'Mall road from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth. Land is first class. In sections 30 and 19 is staked out the

town of Lewiston. It has one house, that of Lewis Young, the proprietor.' It is from this paper town near Murray that the Lewiston cemetery and the Lewiston community center, well known throughout the county, derives its name.

First Grave

"Many Indian trails and emigrant roads center at Plattsmouth. Samuel Martin, assisted by James O'Neil, opened a trading post here in 1853. Samuel Martin died December 4, 1854, was buried west of where the high school stands and was the first to fill a white man's grave in Cass county.

"In East Rock Bluffs precinct: 'There are two towns laid out and incorporated in this township. The town of Kanosha is in the fractional section 33 and has eight or nine houses and six or seven families. The town of Rock Bluffs is laid out in sections 8, 9, 16 and 17. It has a steam boat landing, improving considerable and bids fair to become quite a business point.'

"It did become a freighting center and many heavy laden wagon trains left this river town for Denver and points along the trail. Kanosha at this time had aspirations to become the county seat of Cass county. On February 1, 1855, Bela White, along with J. B. Garrison, presented petitions to the first assembly to make 'this town the seat of justice for Cass county.'

Indian Scares

"Indian scares among the settlers were quite common, whether real or imaginary. When Governor Cuming called for volunteers to protect the frontier of the first settlements against the depredations being committed by the Indians, the Rock Bluffs Horse Guards were organized and Thomas Patterson made captain, William Laird, first lieutenant and Martin Neff, second lieutenant. They were commissioned August 15, 1855. The Rock Bluffs Guards were organized at the same time with James Kidwell, captain, William Rakes, first lieutenant and William Ellington, second lieutenant.

"Thomas Patterson was born near Patterson's mill, Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1806, married Elizabeth Howard Wells February 10, 1831, moved to Hennepin, Ill., and to Nebraska territory in 1855. They were the parents of twenty children. Several of the sons became surveyors. One son, Philander Patterson, received a contract from Surveyor General John Calhoun, October 31, 1855, to sectionize what is now Russel precinct in Otoe county and Stove creek, Elmwood and South Bend in Cass county. Fredrick Patterson, the youngest son, was for many years surveyor for Cass county until his tragic death when he was murdered in his little store in Rock Bluffs.

Needed Resourcefulness

"Resourcefulness was an essential and outstanding quality of every pioneer. Two incidents common to early settlers is here recorded in Surveyor Patterson's diary:

"James Buchanan Patterson was born on the 20th day of April, 1856, at 9 o'clock a. m.—was the second child born in the town of Rock Bluffs, Cass county, Nebraska Territory, and in the first house built in the town. About an hour after the birth, the steamboat, Omaha, landed in front of the house with freight and groceries much needed, it being the first landing made by steamboat at this place. The first dwelling house built in Rock Bluffs was on lot four, block one south and two east from the public square. By T. Patterson.

The Patterson heirs still own this property.
"James Buchanan Patterson died February 5, 1857, at 9 o'clock a. m., age 9 months and 16 days—was buried on top of the hill south of Rock Bluffs in Cass county, Nebraska Territory, the first buried in the place which was selected for this purpose by his father and mother in April, he having been temporarily buried near the residence until that time. By Thomas Patterson.

Cemetery Established

"This established the Rock Bluffs cemetery of today on a high scenic spot south of the town, a view many miles up and down the Missouri river with Tabor and Glenwood, Iowa, in the distant east; the last resting place of the ancestors of some of state and national figures of today in the political and business world.

"It has been discovered in recent years that this cemetery is located where once stood a large village of some prehistoric race. Archaeologists have made excavations at the boundaries of this cemetery and rare pottery and stone implements have been recovered.

"Thomas Patterson died March 24, 1869, and his wife May 3, 1908, and both were laid to rest in the family lot beside their infant son, James Buchanan, in this cemetery which overlooks the vanished yet historic town of Rock Bluffs."

Alvo News

The White Rose gas station has discontinued operation for a time.

The Alvo mail carrying job is up for bids. Final date for filing is Monday, April 29th.

Phil Linch has been busy overhauling a house which he recently purchased in Alvo.

Mrs. Joe Armstrong returned home from Lincoln yesterday, where she had been consulting an eye doctor for a few days.

Adolph Buckelman, who resides a few miles north of Alvo, was delivering wheat to the Rehmeier elevator last Wednesday.

George Braun and wife, of South Bend were visiting in Alvo last Friday afternoon, being guests of Mrs. Braun's mother, Mrs. Wm. Yeager.

Fred W. Backemeyer, of Elmwood, was a visitor in Alvo one afternoon last week, coming over to look after some business matters for a short time.

Frank Taylor and wife and Roy Stewart and family were in Lincoln last Wednesday, where they were attending the funeral of the late William Casey.

Five of the Alvo boys are now employed on the O street paving job. A large force, working two shifts, is hurrying the work along as rapidly as possible.

Mrs. Frank Taylor received some 400 little chicks recently, which she hopes to raise into early fries and is looking forward to the time when the first of them will be ready for the pan.

Little Allen Edwards, who has been at the hospital in Lincoln was able to return home. The little fellow has been very sick for a long time, and the parents and friends are pleased that he is now showing such good improvement.

John Banning, S. C. Boyles and Frank E. Cook were among those selected as pall bearers at the funeral of the late William Casey, a resident of McCook a few weeks ago. The funeral was held at Lincoln.

Fred Rehmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Rehmeier, was taken ill with a light attack of measles, which pleased the lad immensely as he did not have to attend school and was not sick enough but that he could go down to the elevator with his father.

There is to be held an examination for filling the position of mail messenger to and from the Rock Island station. There are a large number reported as applicants, but only one can be appointed to the position. Just who that may be remains to be seen.

The family of Charles E. Cook, of Plattsmouth, were in Alvo last Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Lizzie Lewis, who is an aunt of Mrs. Cook. Mrs. Lewis, while she is much better than she has been for some time is still far from being in her accustomed good health.

Uncle Ben L. Appleman, who has been sick for a number of weeks and who was in the hospital at Lincoln, is now at home and while feeling considerably better is still far from being in his accustomed state of health. His many friends are hoping that he will be well again soon.

Miss Green, one of the teachers in the Alvo schools, gave a wicker roast to the members of her class on last Tuesday. The affair was held in the country and much enjoyed by all. On Thursday a similar party was arranged for the 6th and 7th grades which was also greatly enjoyed.

Harry Weichel was in Lincoln last Wednesday, going over to bring his son John Weichel home. The son has been at the Bryan Memorial hospital, where he underwent an operation for the removal of a growth of cartilage under the knee cap. With the removal of the growth, the young man has been showing good improvement.

Found Ready Sale for Corn

Simon Rehmeier, the elevator man, purchased some 24,000 bushels of corn from the Miller Cereal company last week and within a day or so had disposed of all of it but about a thousand and bushels. The corn was stored in cribs belonging to the cereal company, both here and at Greenwood. Twenty thousand bushels of the grain was sold to parties near Wymore and an additional 3,000 bushels sold out in small lots to meet the urgent demand for it at this time. Failure to produce a corn crop in Nebraska last year has caused a great shortage on the market, resulting in high prices therefor, and those who have grain stored from former years are in a position to reap a nice return on the same.

Shower for Recent Bride

The ladies of Alvo got up a very pleasant shower for Mrs. Victor O. Lenhart, formerly Miss Eula Bird, who was recently married. The event was held in the basement of the M.

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E. church last Wednesday afternoon. A program had been arranged and was followed by the showering of a large number of useful miscellaneous articles on the bride, attesting the high esteem in which she is held by the people of the community.

Very Successful Meeting

The regular meeting of the Alvo Brotherhood was held at the church last week, being well attended and a very enjoyable and profitable time had. There were 27 present at the meeting, which was presided over by Superintendent L. M. Hauptman. A number of committees were appointed to look after the work of the organization and the meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.

Many Attend Senior Play

The play presented by the Senior class of the Alvo high school on last Friday night drew a packed house. Everyone spoke highly of the ability of the young people to carry out their respective parts as well as the work of their coach in preparing them for the production. The following were members of the cast: Bessie Daigh, Wesley Cook, Yvonne Bennett, James West, Josephine Ayres and Merle Kinney. The play was presented in three acts with special music between the acts.

Alvo School Notes

Last Wednesday morning, members of the Senior play cast took a skit of their play to four surrounding towns to advertise the same. The towns visited were Eagle, Elmwood, Murdock and Greenwood. Supt. L. M. Hauptman, sponsor of the class, accompanied the group.

Several of the lower grade rooms are having picnics after school these nice afternoons.

In a recent fire drill, the building was cleared in thirty seconds.

John Weichel, member of the Junior class, is out of school due to a knee operation performed in a Lincoln hospital. He is recovering nicely.

Florence Roelofz, who was absent for several days while in a Lincoln hospital for treatment, has returned to school.

New drops for above the stage have been purchased and installed. The purchase was made by the Parent-Teacher association. The committee in charge was Mrs. R. M. Coatsman, Mrs. John Elliott, Jr., Mrs. Simon Rehmeier, Walter Vincent and Supt. L. M. Hauptman.

New officers for the P. T. A. elected at the last meeting are: Mrs. L. M. Hauptman, president; Mrs. Otto Stuve, vice president; Mrs. Frank Hemke, secretary, and Ellis Mickel, treasurer. Retiring officers are Mrs. Carl Christensen, president; Mrs. Sid James, vice president; Mrs. Herman Bornemeier, secretary; and Joe Vickers, treasurer.

An all-school exhibit of work throughout the year was held for the Parent-Teacher association for the April meeting. An exhibit from every room and every high school department was arranged along the walls in the gymnasium.

The Girls' Glee club and a girls' quartette represented Alvo in the district music contest in Omaha. Both groups were rated good. They were directed by Ernest F. Gorr.

Alvo entered the county typewriting contest in Murdock last Saturday.

Ladies from the Women's Reading club presented a play before convocation recently entitled, "A Good Girl in the Kitchen."

A convocation presented by pupils from the Alvo high school was presented before the high schools at Murdock and Greenwood recently. Those participating were: Merle Kinney, Margaret Jean Stroemer, Ruth Ann Ganz, Anna Lee Lancaster, Grace Muenchau, Joan Cook, Maxine Ayres, Katherine Edwards, Verna Vickers,

Mary West and Dale Ganz. The group was sponsored by Supt. L. M. Hauptman.

The Junior class enjoyed an Educational day spent in Omaha on a recent Saturday. They were sponsored by Miss Mabel McGinnis.

The Pep club sponsored by Miss Eileen Green, is planning a picnic for the near future.

Ernest F. Gorr and L. M. Hauptman attended the annual convention of the Department of Superintendents and Principals of the Nebraska State Teachers' association.

The Public Speaking class observed Arbor day by several speeches on the founder, its purpose and observance.

Members of the Manual Training class have been making hurdles for track work.

Coach E. F. Gorr has entered Alvo in a number of track meets for the coming spring.

AN APPRECIATION

Chapter F. P. E. O. extends its appreciation to the citizens of Plattsmouth who made possible the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the public library and in honoring Miss Jones, our librarian for 50 years.

Your gift amounted to \$178.52, gifts presented to the library in honor of Miss Jones were chairs, \$50; clock, \$11.35; filing case, \$23.60; plaque for wall, \$10.47. All gifts will be suitably and permanently marked. Amount turned over to library board for the purchase of books, \$83.12.

The Book of Memory is at the library. If you contributed to this fund for the library and did not turn in your name to the committee, please go to the library and sign your name as one of the donors. We desire a complete record of this celebration.—Committee on Arrangements, Chapter F. P. E. O.

RE-ELECT W. F. EVERS

Franklin, Ind., was chosen as the next meeting place at the fifth annual conference of Masonic Home executives at Fort Worth, Texas, Wednesday. John A. Redhead of Columbus, Miss., was chosen president. Other officers elected were C. Lawrence Deacon, Burlington, N. J., vice president; Fred S. Lynn, LaGrange, Ill., secretary-treasurer, and Dr. C. S. Woodward, Arlington, Tex., and William F. Evers, Plattsmouth, Neb., members of the executive committee.

NOW NICELY LOCATED

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Stibal will be pleased to learn that they are now nicely located at Gibbon, Nebraska, where Dr. Stibal has engaged in practice. The new location is a very pleasant one and the doctor has secured a fine established practice in that section of Buffalo county and which requires his constant attention.

J. Howard Davis Attorney at Law Plattsmouth

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