

## MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. Arthur Rikli and wife, being called home by the death of Arthur Rikli, returned to their home in Perry, Oklahoma, on Saturday.

County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder of Weeping Water was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday, looking after some business matters here for a short time.

Mrs. W. O. Shurtleff and daughter, Miss Mary Francis, with Mrs. Dan Reumlin, all of Lincoln, were guests at the home of Mrs. A. Panska and daughter, Miss Wilma, a number of days last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Opitz and family, of Binger, Oklahoma, after attending the funeral of her father, left for the south on Tuesday, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Emma Gregory, of Look-eba, Oklahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Rikli returned to their home at Naperville, Illinois, after attending his father's funeral July 5. Two of his children are extending their visit among relatives here for a few days.

Paul Schewe has added to his farm equipment a Farmall, which will make the work much easier on the horses. During the past week of intensely hot weather, the toll of horses over the country has been pretty high.

Mrs. Emil Meyers, who was so sick at the hospital in Lincoln, is reported as being much improved and has been able to return to her home at Fairbury. The many friends here will be pleased to learn of her improvement.

Oscar Rikli and family, of Enid, Oklahoma, left Saturday for home, accompanied by a brother Emil of the same city and another brother, Albert, of Drummond, Oklahoma. All attended the funeral of their father, Arthur Rikli.

Mrs. W. E. Newkirk, mother of Mrs. L. D. Lee has been a guest at the Dr. Lee home here for some time and last week went to Greenwood to visit for some time at the home of her son, Clyde W. Newkirk and with other relatives and friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Work of Omaha were down last Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool and son Douglass. Mr. Work returned to work the first of the week, while the wife and children remained for a week's visit at the home of the grandparents.

Alfred Rikli, grandson of the late Arthur Rikli, returned to Oklahoma on Friday, where he is engaged in the Rikli Brothers store. After attending the funeral of his grandfather, last week, remained a few days to help his father, William Rikli, harvest wheat.

Th Misses Ethel and Lola Schwab, sisters of the Rev. Harvey A. Schwab, pastor of the Murdock Evangelical church, are visiting at the parsonage for a few days. They say that the place still looks very familiar, having lived in the same parsonage with their father, Rev. A. H. Schwab and their brother, Harvey, from 1915 to 1920. They will return in a few days to Harvard, Nebraska, where they are spending the summer.

### Seeing the West Now

W. P. Meyers who has a position traveling through the middle west for the firm he represents, is just now on his regular trip through the Black Hill country of South Dakota and is accompanied by his wife, who is thus privileged to share with him the pleasures of a vacation, although he is, correctly speaking, "on the job." It is cool there and there are many interesting sights to be seen at this time of year when nature is revealed in all its magnificent grandeur.

### Girls to Play Kittenball

Miss Peadie Gakemeier, who is a lover of outdoor sports, has been instrumental in organizing a young ladies' kittenball team, composed of some very good feminine players and will seek games with other feminine teams of this part of the country. If all the girls can play as well as Miss Gakemeier, they should have a winning team.

### Played Horseshoes the 4th

Ed E. Ganaway, the shoemaker, who by the way is an adept tosser of horseshoes as well, was over to the Belmont park horseshoe courts on July 4th, where he competed with some of the good players of Lincoln in tossing ringers, and was able to win over a number of the experts of the capital city. Out of thirteen games, he was able to win twelve. He was also scheduled to play in the doubles, but the partner he drew did not remain to the end and so the game of doubles was called off.

### C. H. Kirkpatrick Poorly

Uncle C. H. Kirkpatrick, that grand old man, who has been a resident of Alvo for many years and was a friend

of everyone who knew him, has not been feeling very well for some time past and on the advice of his family physician, Dr. L. D. Lee, of Murdock, was taken to a hospital in Lincoln for observation and treatment. The many friends of this excellent gentleman, both in his home town of Alvo and here, are hoping that he may be able to return home soon, greatly improved in health.

### Kittenball Results

Last Tuesday evening the married men were winners over the Lutheran lads, by a score of 10 to 1, while Calahan won from Wabash by a score of 13 to 8. There is much interest in this popular game and large crowds out each night of play to witness the contests, cheer for their favorites, and razz the umpires.

### Arthur Rikli, a Friend and Brother

It is with a sense of great satisfaction that I pen these few lines, because of our long friendship, dating back 44 years. If one wants to learn the true character of a man, he wants to do business with him. Arthur Rikli and myself entered as partners in the implement business in 1892 and carried on for four years, when I took the business over, because Mr. Rikli had large farming interests to oversee. But in our business relations there were never any written agreements necessary because we trusted each other and had absolute faith in the integrity of one another. No shadow of doubt or distrust ever entered our hearts. And this friendship grew as the years passed, and was never dimmed or shaken. We understood each other perfectly. Such friendships are rare.

But it was as a brother where Arthur Rikli was a whole man. We both had the religious experiences of a thorough and sound conversion, and we would dwell for hours on the beauty of our relationship with our Redeemer; the glory and joy we had in common in Christ Jesus. We spent many hours together in the prayer and testimony meetings. As a class leader, he would often exhort the members in his own eloquent and forceful way, that showed his burning desire to lead the class into a deeper experience of a holy life. It was at such times that the deep fervor of his soul would shine forth. One of his favorite quotations was a German hymn:

"Himmel un geht unsre bahn,  
Wir sind Gaeste nur auf Erden!  
Bis wir dort nach Cansan,  
Durch die Kueste Konnen werden.  
Hier is unser Pilgerstand,  
Droben unser Vaterland."

His choleric temperament caused him a great deal of worry and trouble, very much like Simon Peter, who was at times a little too quick with the sword, but soon repented of his hasty actions and was ready to apologize, if anyone's feelings were hurt. He had to guard against this impetuous mood and by the grace of God he came out more than conqueror.

He was a very sympathetic soul, generous, always ready to help and give for the cause of the Kingdom. Such a life could not be lived without wielding a great influence, as is seen in the case of his family, who have all followed in the footsteps of their father and belong to the church. And so we say—

His life and example will live on to bless the world. In his earnest desire to bring the good news of his religion, which he had found in Jesus, he made a trip to his former home in Switzerland, if possible to convert his own relation, but returned with a sad heart, because he had not succeeded; but still was hopeful that prayers would accomplish what he had failed to see.

Arthur Rikli was a friend and a brother to man—as such I learned to know him!

### Village Board Meeting

The board met in regular session with all members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read for information. The following bills were presented and allowed: Farmers Union Ass'n. Mower repairs ————— \$3.75  
W. O. Gillespie, street dragging 4.00  
Millard Schewe, mowing weeds 5.00  
L. W. Rase, storage ————— 6.00  
The meeting was then adjourned until July 12 at 8:00 p. m.

### JULY 12

The board met pursuant to adjournment with all members present. A representative of the Booster Club presented a plan relative to making an application to the government for a grant of money for the purpose of erection of a water system.

After consideration motion was made by Schafer and seconded by Elsemann that such application be made. The following vote was recorded. For — Schafer, Elsemann, Against—Long, Kupke, Miller.  
A motion prevailed to adjourn.  
CHAS. I. LONG,  
Village Clerk.

"See it before you buy it."

## Pioneer Cass County Man is Called Home

Arthur Rikli, Resident of County for 66 Years, Passes Away at His Home Here, July 2nd.

By HARVEY A. SCHWAB

Arthur Rikli, born November 19, 1847, of Swiss parents at Millstadt, near Berne, Switzerland, passed into eternity July 2, 1935, at high noon in his home near Murdock, Nebraska. After living in the Swiss community, the home of the Rikli relationship for the past 500 years, he came to America in 1866 and settled in the State of Wisconsin. However, three years later he came to Nebraska and located at Plattsmouth in 1869. Cass county has been his dwelling place for the past 66 years. During that long sojourn within the boundaries of this county, he has lived for many years on farms east of Murdock.

Mr. Rikli married Margaret Oehl at Plattsmouth on February 29, 1870. Nine sons and three daughters graced the home life and helped to build the Kingdom of God within the family. Alfred, a son, passed away in 1881; Marie died in 1924 and Lorenz in 1927.

The departed leaves the following close relatives: His patient and dutiful wife, seven sons, Arnold, of Perry, Oklahoma; Arthur, of Naperville, Illinois; Oscar, of Enid, Oklahoma; William, of Murdock; Albert, of Drummond, Oklahoma; Emil, of Enid, Oklahoma, and Leo, of Murdock, Nebraska; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Opitz, of Binger, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Emma Gregory, of Lookaba, Oklahoma; 47 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Likewise he leaves one brother in Europe, other relatives and a large circle of friends.

Brother Rikli was converted in the Louisville grove at a big Evangelical camp meeting, probably in 1872, at the age of twenty-five years. That experiment started him on the Christian pathway and kept him singing throughout all these years through sunshine and sorrow. He joined the Evangelical church during the pastorate of Jacob Knoche in 1872 when 28 joined the church militant on confession of faith that year.

He was known as a faithful follower of the Christ, a liberal supporter of the church, a worthy church trustee, a faithful class leader for many years and a worthy citizen of the Murdock community for many decades. He enjoyed the companionship of his wife 65 years. His love and fellowship in eternal things kept him strong, watchful and ready when Christ would finally call him. The life of 87 years, 7 months and 13 days has been spent. His sermon and his benediction have been given to his family, to the church and to the community.

His last statement, written at the end of this sketch on his life, in the German language, was his prayer and great desire, namely:

"Moge der Herr uns alle ein selligen wieder selan bei ihm in der Himmlischen Ruhe geben schauken."

The funeral service was conducted at the Murdock Evangelical church July 5, 1935, at 2:00 p. m., by the newly appointed pastor, Harvey A. Schwab. Interment took place in the country cemetery by the Louisville Evangelical church. Six grandchildren acted as pallbearers.

### Card of Thanks

Mrs. Arthur Rikli and her sons and daughters desire to express their sincere gratitude to the many kind friends for their prayers, floral tributes, words of comfort, the quartette music and other kindnesses extended during the recent illness and departure of the husband and father, Mr. Arthur Rikli. Everything done in their behalf is deeply appreciated by everyone.

### FIGHT CATTLE RUSTLING

Alliance, Neb.—Stock men of the far western Nebraska ranges are figuratively buckling on their six-shooters to check a new wave of cattle rustling. A drive is under way under sponsorship of the Nebraska Stockgrowers association to stamp out the modern cattle rustler, who operates under cover of darkness with powerful motor trucks.

Stockmen, meeting here, voted to ask special deputy sheriffs, paid by the livestock association, to inspect cattle brands at sales rings over the state, to be authorized by panhandle counties. The stockmen will ask sales rings for their co-operation and conformance with a set of inspection rules. Managers of all sales yards will be asked to have truck drivers furnish inspection certificates before permitting unloading.

### STEEL ELECTIONS REPORTED

New York.—The American Iron and Steel institute announced more than 90 percent of employes in the steel industry are actively participating in employe representation plans as their method of collective bargaining.

This estimate, the institute asserted, was based on an industry wide survey of recent employe elections. A year ago a similar survey showed employe representation plans were

supported by 85 percent of the workers.

Reports of election returns received from twenty steel companies, operating sixty-seven units, whose employes went to the polls in June, showed that out of a total of 213,806 employes available and eligible to vote on the date of the election. Ballots were cast by 192,699, or 90.13 percent, the institute stated.

Journal Want-Ads cost little and accomplish much.

### MAY FIGHT FOR ETHIOPIA

Grasse, France.—Twelve American fliers, assured of "plenty of promotions and decorations," were reported ready to fight for Ethiopia against Italy. Hal du Berrier, former American commercial flier, who announced he had recruited the dozen aviators for service in the African empire, explained: "We are willing to fight for an ideal. The Ethiopian authorities assured me there would be

plenty of promotions and decorations." Disclosing that Maj. Granville Pollock, veteran of the famed Lafayette escadrille, was helping him form the nucleus of an Ethiopian air corps, Du Berrier said he hoped the party would be "greatly strengthened" in Egypt. He declined to say when the fliers would leave for Africa or reveal the names of the other pilots.

Persistency is what counts most in advertising!

# CASS COUNTY Treasurer's Semi-annual Statement

From January 1, 1935, to June 30, 1935, Inclusive

	Balance January 1, 1935	Transferred from other Funds	Receipts	Transferred to Co. Gen. Fund	Transferred to other Funds	Disbursements	FEES	Balance on June 30, 1935
State General Fund	\$ 6,182.19	\$ 146.81	\$ 37,251.97		\$	\$ 37,700.00	\$ 873.11	\$ 5,007.86
State Capital Fund	29.55		80.68			60.00	1.97	48.26
State Redemption Fund	.23		.11					.34
State School Land Lease			23.00			15.00	.23	7.77
State Bee Tax	24.90		6.00			30.20		.70
State Highway Supervision (from Motor Fund)	75.54		583.14			634.80		23.88
State Highway Maintenance (from Motor Fund)	883.85		6,822.92			7,427.33		279.44
State Drivers' License Fund	6.50		59.00			59.00		6.50
County Drivers' License Fund			144.75	85.75	59.00			
County General Fund	18,578.78	12,633.96	25,740.37		2,600.00	44,913.27	643.94	11,795.90
County Bridge Fund	20,773.32	4,020.35	11,468.12		8,300.00	7,143.21	172.17	20,646.41
Soldier Relief Fund	1,328.84		522.51			585.00	11.98	1,254.37
Mothers' Pension Fund	2,250.53		2,613.01			2,622.00	69.56	2,180.98
Labor Tax Fund			1,832.31		1,787.01			45.30
County Poor Relief Fund	4,701.31	11,337.28	7,266.82			23,263.50	41.91	19,275.86
District Road Fund	17,181.20	3,895.01	17,598.85		10,314.49	8,676.67	408.04	19,275.86
First Commissioner's Road Fund	6,031.44	2,311.77				1,764.97		4,578.24
Second Commissioner's Road Fund	3,477.49	2,569.15				1,662.60		4,384.04
Third Commissioner's Road Fund	4,404.71	2,767.12				1,847.44		5,324.39
Second Commissioner's Drag Fund	4,592.29	5,224.14				1,946.89		7,869.54
Third Commissioner's Drag Fund	6,780.66	6,459.60				3,873.20		10,266.96
District School Fund	5,278.66	7,748.38				4,261.65		8,765.39
District School Bond Fund	70,738.44	6,090.50	76,354.41			82,722.56	766.88	69,692.91
Inheritance Tax Fund	27,884.18	2,110.08	10,865.09		18.31	10,758.75	105.65	20,973.64
Individual Redemption Fund			7,941.02			437.28	98.24	7,403.50
Teachers' School Fund (State Apportionment)			372.19	372.19	4,470.34	7,179.75		761.27
County Farm Collections			1,237.49	1,237.49				
Interest on County Deposits								
County Highway Fund	13,378.01	14,284.87				11,012.18		16,650.70
Free High School Tuition	13,512.34		14,426.51			29,720.25	84.73	\$1,866.13
County Drag (from Motor Fund)			15,920.21		15,920.21			
Motor Vehicle Refunds			194.28			194.28		
Investment of School Dist. No. 1 Bond Fund	29,000.00		25,521.47		1,000.00	25,521.47		28,000.00
Cities and Villages Bond and Interest Fund			5,479.32			5,479.32		
Special Improvement Taxes						85.50	45.50	2,605.61
Louisville Precinct Bond Fund	794.98						.11	1,247.14
Louisville Precinct Gravel Fund	1,241.62		5.63					1,247.25
Greenwood Precinct Gravel Fund	1,212.62							1,212.62
Stove Creek Precinct Gravel Fund	1,402.13							1,402.13
Weeping Water Precinct Gravel Fund	2,131.23							2,131.23
Center Precinct Gravel Fund	1,047.64		.17					1,047.81
Avoca Precinct Gravel Fund	541.85						.06	541.85
South Bend Precinct Gravel Fund	3,763.38		2.51				.85	3,765.83
Elmwood Precinct Gravel Fund	6,637.02		36.35					6,673.37
Tipton Precinct Gravel Fund	2,292.67		.07					2,292.74
Eight Mile Grove Precinct Gravel Fund					.13			
City of Plattsmouth Fund	5,395.35	3,519.34	23,237.57			26,817.20	625.75	4,709.31
City of Weeping Water Fund	1,886.61	1,887.79	3,039.18			4,386.97	114.72	2,311.89
Village of Louisville Fund	4,365.39	267.02	2,341.96			1,397.58	62.77	5,514.02
Village of South Bend Fund	145.10	4.27	198.82				4.73	243.46
Village of Greenwood Fund	2,083.94	5.12	1,259.47			2,000.00	30.84	1,317.69
Village of Avoca Fund	721.92	10.74	448.69			700.00	10.88	470.47
Village of Union Fund	760.15	1.07	1,168.40			850.00	27.30	1,052.33
Village of Murdock Fund	240.65	1.94	524.79			600.00	12.24	155.19
Village of Egri Fund	2,758.47	7.65	995.79			2,500.00	23.30	1,238.61
Village of Alvo Fund	348.80	5.71	146.73			400.00	3.84	97.49
Village of Elmwood Fund	572.29	10.37	2,186.88			2,350.00	50.92	368.62
Village of Nehawka Fund	449.78	11.25	1,138.61			1,190.00	26.88	382.76
Intangible Tax Fund			880.87	146.81		734.66		
County Fees Motor Fund			229.45			229.45		
Taxes Paid Under Protest	614.49		51.82			51.82		614.49
Advertising			93.60					
Fee Account			4,301.02	4,301.02				
Miscellaneous Collections			9,168.73		9,168.73			
County Fees from Tax Sales and Ind. Redemptions			24.90		24.90			
Interest Account			3,265.29		3,265.29			
State Aid Bridge	2,174.29		4,455.90			4,322.08		2,308.11
Gasoline Tax from State			20,101.74			20,101.74		
Old Age Pension Fund	1,235.57	2.00	636.95			1,062.00	40.73	771.79
Fines and Licenses	451.46		263.50			451.46		263.50
State Hall Insurance			5.40					