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Major Sasse Wants to Widen Football Fields

Says Game So Fast More Room Needed—To Feel Out Coaches—Wants 200-Ft. Fields.

New Orleans.—Major Ralph Sasse, head coach at Mississippi State, wants to widen the football playing field from 160 to 200 feet.

Here Saturday on a "little vacation," Sasse said he planned to offer a proposal to that effect to the National Football Coaches Association at Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, when the nation's leading mentors meet to discuss rule changes.

"Football has got so fast during the past few years that the field is just inadequate," he said. "You're hampered, you're cramped."

Game Too Cramped?
"What the game needs is more room. It needs more room for forward and lateral passes that have speeded up football tremendously."

"During the past few years rules have been put into effect to liberalize passing—and with little result because the rule makers didn't go to the basic reason—the size of the field."

"Take the Canadian game of rugby for instance. It's played on a wide field, designed that way so passes will have plenty of room for a diversified game."

"After all there's no reason why the width of a football field should be 160 feet. Simply because the coliseum has certain proportions, architecture isn't held to any confines."

Sasse said he planned to put the wider field to a practical test this spring. Mississippi State's practice field already is being widened to 200 feet.

Tryout Thru Spring.
"If it's a crazy idea we're going to work on that field all thru spring practice," the former Army coach declared.

"It's a cinch to revolutionize football and make the game even more interesting."

Sasse said he realized there would be widespread opposition to the plan among schools where widening of playing fields would be difficult and expensive because of cramped facilities.

NELIGH TEACHER QUILTS

Neligh, Neb.—Miss Irma Niebaum, who taught Latin and normal training in the city schools, has resigned to accept a position in Fremont. Her successor has not been named.

RITZ THEATRE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
January 31, Feb. 1

Barbara Stanwyck and Preston Foster

'Annie Oakley'

See Buffalo Bill's sharpshooting star. She could hit the bulls-eye with her eyes shut. Claimed to throw mud to be the biggest circus picture ever made. It's really a treat for the entire family!

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James Cagney and Margaret

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The biggest hit of his five last great hits. A show you don't dare miss.

Comedy, Novelty and News Reels

Sunday Matinee at 2:30

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WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

February 5 and 6

Winn Shaw, Lyle Talbot and

Genevieve Tobin in

'Broadway Hostess'

AND

Hugh Herbert and Helen Broderick

'To Beat the Band'

ON A DOUBLE BILL
Adults... 25c Children... 10c

Richard Mrasek Killed in Accident Near Grant, Neb.

15-Tr. Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mrasek, Formerly of Murray, Dies From Blow on Head.

Richard Mrasek, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mrasek, residents of near Murray for several years, was accidentally killed Sunday afternoon near the family home at Grant, Nebraska.

From the reports received here in the brief message from the bereaved family, it seems that Richard was riding on a sled fastened to the rear of the family auto and which was driven by his brother, Clayton Mrasek, 23.

In the course of their sport with the sled, the head of Richard was driven against the rear of the car and evidently resulted in a skull fracture and the death of the young man.

The unfortunate boy is a nephew of Joseph Mrasek of this city and Frank Mrasek of Murray. A sister of the deceased, Miss Helen Mrasek, is at Omaha where she is engaged as telephone operator, she leaving at once for Grant to be with the bereaved family. Miss Mrasek was accompanied by Clarence and Carl Mumm, cousins.

Both Mr. and Mrs. James Mrasek are well known in this community where they lived prior to going to the west part of the state. Mrs. Mrasek was formerly Miss Emma Good, residing south of this city.

MODERN TREND IN GARDEN DESIGN

There is a modern movement in landscape design which does not stop merely with making triangular flower beds.

It rejects most of the formulas and dogmas which have been too generally applied regardless of whether they produced the best solution for a given problem.

Typical dogmas are: That every house should have a foundation planting, to "tie the house to the ground," and that the grounds should be bounded by a shrubby border. But a house may look better without a foundation planting and the grounds without a shrubby border. The designer should not be expected to comply with formulas at the expense of a good effect. He should be allowed free play to devise a planting which will enhance the beauty of the house and the owner's enjoyment of the ground.

Rather than being guided by formulas, he will follow only the fundamental principles of design. This is the theory and it seems sound, but, like some other "modern" ideas in art, not so new.

Designers several hundred years ago who were unhampered by gardening dogmas, and well acquainted with the fundamental principles of design, nevertheless found that they had to deal with materials which nature had provided and which did not always comply with their notions of what trees, shrubs and flowers should be, to fit their favored designs. The result was that they deformed trees and shrubs and suppressed the natural grace of flowers in order to produce creation which turned out to be really architectural conceptions, built of plants instead of stones.

There will undoubtedly be great temptation for landscape designers seeking the "modern" note to follow this ancient example. But such a style is likely to be short-lived. Gardens which depart from nature are so unsatisfying that a fashion which favors them is sure to be brief.

SERVICES IN BASEMENTS

The extreme cold of Sunday made necessary a number of the churches holding their morning services in the parlors or basement rooms of their building. The large auditoriums were slow to heat up after the intense cold of the past week and making it too severely cold to permit the service being held there. Despite the fact of the extreme cold there were good sized congregations out to take part in the services.

Musical Program for High School Friday

Musical Department of School Offering Entertainment for Public Friday Evening.

The musical department of Plattsmouth high school will present its Bi-Musical, Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

In spite of the extreme cold weather, the band and orchestra have been getting out to early practice before school and have been working hard and faithfully for this musicale.

The program is as follows:

- Band
- "Washington Post" ----- Sousa
- "Our Director" ----- Bigelow
- "Dawn in the Forest" ----- Jarrett
- Boys' Glee Club
- "Old Black Joe" ----- Foster
- Jean Knorr, Accom.
- Bottle Band Novelty
- "Over the Summer Sea," (Rigoletto) ----- Verdi
- Piano Solo "Melodie" ----- Rachmaninoff
- Jean Knorr
- Girls' Sextette
- "Dusk in the Garden" ----- Hamblen
- "Pipers Song" ----- Rishler
- Edna Mae Petersen, Accom.
- Vocal Solo, "Dawn" ----- Curran
- Violin Solo, "Legende" ----- Wieniawski
- Mildred Knodick
- String Quartette
- "Estrellita" ----- Ponce
- "El Choclo" ----- Villoldo
- Clarinet Solo "Rigoletto" ----- Verdi
- Raymond Wooster
- Girls' Glee Club
- "Because" ----- d'Hardelot
- "Echo" ----- Harris
- "Snow" ----- Elgar
- Jean Knorr, Accom.
- Orchestra
- "Andante" ----- Hayden
- From Surprise Symphony
- "Song without Words" ----- Tschakowsky
- "Eleanor" ----- Deppen
- "Bohemian Girl" ----- Balfe

FORD COMPANY TO DISTRIBUTE FARM ALMANAC

Publication of a "Farm Almanac and Facts Book" which will be distributed to the rural population in all parts of the country was announced today by the Ford Motor Company.

The book is of a convenient pocket size, containing 48 pages. It is unusual in makeup and content, presenting an extensive array of handy tables, statistics and charts for the assistance of the farmer and business man. Other sections are designed to aid the farm wife.

This first Ford almanac is published for 1936 and is now being distributed. It carries a readily available calendar on the back cover and contains tables showing the time of rise and set of sun and moon in all parts of the country every day of the year. Other helpful and interesting astrological and astronomical information is included.

Among the other prominent sections of the book are: A list of memorable historic events for each day of the year, facts about the universe, explanations of physical phenomena, a list of important festivals and anniversaries for the year, rules for forecasting weather conditions, population statistics, facts and records on farming as an industry, discussion of the farm of the future, information on citizenship and naturalization, a brief review of the history and development of the United States, "do's and don'ts" for use in emergencies, poisons and their antidotes, instructions for flower and vegetable gardening, crop seed sowing instructions, a list of places of interest to the tourist, parcel post rules and regulations, temperature and rainfall chart, dates of killing frosts in all parts of the country, and a table of distances between the principal cities of the country.

Stories on the founding and development of the Ford Motor Company and about the Ford Rouge Plant, word pictures of famous Edison Institute Museum and quaint Greenfield Village, established within a few miles of the Rouge Plant, are other features of the Ford Farm Almanac.

FRATERNITY BOYS THAW PIPES—HOUSE BURNS

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity got their water pipes thawed out all right Monday noon and with the aid of firemen kept their house from burning down.

An opening in the wall on the first floor which uncovered the frozen plumbing inspired some of the lads to put paper under the frozen pipes and set fire to it.

The blaze spread up through the wall and into other walls.

Murray

Henry Gruber was looking after some business matters in Omaha and Plattsmouth over the week end.

T. M. Patterson, of Plattsmouth, was a business visitor in Murray last Friday, looking after some insurance matters here.

Guy Wiles, of near Plattsmouth, was looking after some business matters in Murray on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Charles and Edgar Howard were visiting and looking after some matters of business in Plattsmouth on Wednesday afternoon.

Ray Frederick, the seed man, was up from Nebraska City Monday, looking after some business matters pertaining to his seed interests here.

Miss Dorothy Yost, who is a student at the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, visited over the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drucker.

Rex Young, the well known auctioneer of Plattsmouth, was a visitor in Murray for a short time Monday morning while on his way to Union to ery a sale for Ray Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, better known as "Chuck and Billie" were in Blair last Monday evening, where they furnished the music for a dance which was held there that evening.

Ed West, who has been having a siege of the flu and was kept to his bed as a result, is now considerably improved and is able to be about again, which is good news to his many friends.

W. O. Troop was called to Plattsmouth Friday of last week, where he had some business matters to look after. He drove over in his car and found the main highway very good in spite of the heavy snowfall.

Mrs. Margaret Todd, assistant post-mistress, who was so ill she could not get down town for a number of days, is now back on the job looking after business at the postoffice and is showing rapid recovery from her illness.

Mrs. Joe Ling, who has been so seriously ill for many weeks and who has been at the hospital for treatment and an operation, is showing good improvement at this time and was able to walk down the stairs the fore part of the week.

Frank Mrasek was in Omaha Monday and Tuesday and was accompanied both days by John P. Peterson, who was marketing some of his feeders which were ready for market and on Monday brought some feed down for Perry Nickles.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church have been busy with the quilting of a quilt for Mrs. Will S. Smith, and failing to complete the same at their last meeting at the church, were finishing it at the home of Mrs. Will L. Seybolt last Monday afternoon.

Earl Troop left a few days ago for a point in Wyoming, where he expected to look after some business matters in connection with a public works program now under way. He was expecting to go on from there to Arizona, where there are some large public works projects.

C. A. McReynolds, who has been very poorly at the home of N. C. Deles Darnier, where he has been residing during the winter, feeling a bit better last week took advantage of his changed condition to make a trip to Omaha, where he will visit for some time with a daughter who resides in the city.

Douglas Tison, who is operating the Rock Creek filling station during the time G. M. Minford and wife are at Miami, Florida, has received a letter from friends living there, who formerly resided here, stating that the temperature has been averaging 60 degrees in the shade and sometimes runs as high as 90. Quite a contrast between here and there.

Notwithstanding the excessively cold weather and a raging snow storm the sale of O. A. Davis was held on the day advertised, being attended by a considerable number of people, all of whom went to buy and not to just stand around as so many often do at farm sales. As a result, bidding was spirited among this small group and the live stock brought exceptionally good prices, with the machinery bringing a fair amount, considering the weather.

Had Very Hard Trip

While attempting to answer a call for his services at the home of J. S. Pitman, Dr. R. W. Tyson found the road badly drifted with snow and was forced to exert his car to the limit in order to get even part of the way there. Finally he stalled the car on a long hill and was forced to abandon it there, making the rest of the trip on foot in biting sub-zero weather. After rendering the needed service to Mr. Pitman, who had broken some of his ribs, the Doctor made his way back to the car and after considerable difficulty was able to get the motor running again, backing all the way down the long hill, nearly half a mile before he could find a place where he could turn around. The car was worked very hard and suffered considerable damage as a

Sought to Catch Some Fish

There are many ways to catch fish, some of them very successful and others not. There are many fish in the sea, as well as the large lakes and the Missouri river. People tell of how fish may be caught in many peculiar ways. Recently some one was spinning a yarn about cutting a hole in the ice and letting the fish come for air, when they could be dipped out with a net. This sounded quite feasible and so a number of the young men of this vicinity with great faith in mankind as well as the fish,



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tried it out last Sunday. But they did not bring home any fish, and all that came back were the few suckers who went out after the other kinds of fish. We are not going to tell who they were, for they can tell you about the experience themselves.

Home Burns to Ground

Adam J. Schafer, who makes his home some six miles west of Murray, and who has lived alone, came to town Friday of last week for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Herman Wohlfarth, and while he was away and the storm was raging, the house took fire and burned to the ground, with all its contents. The burning building was not discovered until the fire had gained great headway. Neighbors spread the alarm and did what they could toward saving the contents, but it was too late to do any effective work in putting out the blaze.

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Mrs. Lucy Sporer, who has been in poor health for some time, and who went with Martin Sporer and family to Miami, Florida, some weeks ago, hoping that the mild southern climate might prove of great benefit to her health, although enjoying the summer-like weather there and finding her appetite increased, found she was losing instead of gaining strength and so decided it would be best to return to her home here. So they started back to Nebraska, not knowing of the condition of the weather here, and on arriving in Murray a few days ago found themselves in the midst of some of the worst weather, not only of the present winter, but of a good number of winters past. It was indeed a decided change, coming from a land of sunshine, with an average daily temperature of 60 degrees into temperatures ranging as low as 20 degrees below zero.

It is hoped by the many friends of Mrs. Sporer that her return to the old home here will prove beneficial to her health and that she may be returned to her former robust condition in spite of the extreme cold weather and many days when the sun never shows its face.

Ladies Demonstrated Pluck

At the farm sale of O. A. Davis, which was held on Friday of last week, in spite of the continuous snow storm and bitter cold, Mesdames C. D. Spangler and G. H. Gilmore conducted an eating booth and provided the patrons at the sale with plenty of food and hot coffee to help them withstand the cold as they stood in the sale ring to place their bids on the various items offered. This was

result, but Dr. Tyson was pleased to be able to reach the patient and to render him aid, which is the traditional mission of a country doctor, dating back many years to the horse and buggy age.

ome from the Navy

C. W. Allen and wife were very agreeably surprised last Saturday night when their son, Walter Allen, who has been in the west and who served a regular period of enlistment in the United States navy came walking into the home, surprising all the members of the family as well as his many friends here. He has been out of the navy for some time, but has been employed in the west. He came here to make the family and friends a visit and will spend some weeks here.

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done for the benefit of the church at a great sacrifice to the ladies, who also got very cold. If all church members would demonstrate anywhere near as much grit and interest in the welfare of the church, it would be sure to prosper.

Bidding was quite spirited at the sale and most of the items brought a good price, especially considering the bad weather that prevailed.

With the auctioneer's time booked solid right up to March 1st, it is pretty hard to postpone a farm sale, regardless of what sort of weather prevails, and experience during the past ten days has been that people who are really interested in buying will come out to attend the sale regardless of how cold or stormy it may be. Of course, the crowd looks pretty slim at some of these sales, but with every one there a bidder, the chances of articles bringing a fair price are very good.

WOULD CALL OUT SAVINGS

Omaha.—De Loss Walker, associate editor of a national publication, addressing a chamber of commerce public affairs luncheon, said "America's problem today is to recreate that magic coin called credit, which really is just another name for faith and confidence."

Walker declared that if the 41 million American he said have more than \$22,000,000,000 in savings accounts would withdraw just 22 percent, leaving the balance intact, it would put more immediate money in the stream of business than the \$4,800,000,000 which the government is spending for work relief projects, and which, he said, must be repaid eventually by taxes.

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