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## UNION ITEMS.

Mrs. J. D. Cross was spending a couple of days on the farm with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hoback of Omaha were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Decker.

Mesdames Fannie Eikenberry and William Barritt were visiting and looking after some business matters on Omaha last Friday.

Charles Land was looking after some business matters in Nebraska City last Monday, and also made a trip to Omaha on business.

Miss Nola Banning entertained Leonard Hanks and Miss Bessie Maggit, both of Nebraska City and Mrs. Carl Peters of Talmage.

John Fitzpatrick, while at his work slipped and sustained a severely sprained ankle, which has made it difficult for him to get about.

D. Ray Frans was called to Plattsmouth on Monday afternoon of last week, where he was looking after some business matters for the day.

Rex Young, Plattsmouth auctioneer, was a visitor in Union Friday, looking after business and calling on Edward E. Leach and other friends in this vicinity.

W. A. Ost, of south of Nehawka, was looking after some business matters in Union on Monday afternoon of this week and was also meeting with his many friends.

W. E. Reynolds was over to Omaha on Tuesday of this week with a load of hogs which he has been feeding and say they are beauties which he is marketing at this time.

Bert Frans, who has been working near Brule in the western part of the state, arrived in Union and will remain here for the present, or permanently if he is able to secure employment.

Miss Marjorie Burton, who for a long time resided in Union, but has been making her home at Decatur, with her parents, spent a few days in Union visiting with her friend, Helen Browne.

In a game which was played between the Union and Auburn teams of the Southeastern Nebraska league at Auburn last Sunday, the Nemaha county aggregation won over our lads by the close score of 5 to 4.

Ralph Meredith, who has been at a CCC camp at Halsey in the western portion of the state is home for a vacation of some thirty days. He has been away for some time and is enjoying his vacation here most pleasantly.

P. F. Rihn and Robert Wolfe were over to Sokol park near the Platte river last Sunday, where they were assisting the Gradoville orchestra in the rendition of music at a largely attended picnic gathering of Sokol members from Omaha.

Frank and Anna Bauer and the kiddies, grandchildren and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nickles of Oklahoma, who are spending the summer here were guests for the day last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schrader, where all enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. Luella Pitman, a sister of Charles Garrison, who has been in the west for some time, arrived in Union last week and will make an extended visit at the home of her brother. She has many friends here, and will enjoy renewing acquaintance with them during her stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Hammerstrom, of Omaha, the latter a daughter of Mrs. William Barritt, were guests in Union last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Barritt, where her sister, Mrs. Esther Bryan of Omaha is also a guest. The four enjoyed a very delightful six o'clock dinner Sunday evening.

### Putting Men to Work

The McGeorge company, having in hand the completion of work on the Missouri river near the home of

James C. Roddy, is putting about thirty men to work this week, the greater portion of whom are local men. In addition to this number employed on the river, there will be work provided for a number of truck drivers in the hauling of rock from the quarries. The job will require several months yet to complete, having been held back the last few weeks due to the unusually high water.

### Has Hands Badly Injured

George Hall of near Nebraska City, while attempting to save some hogs from drowning after the heavy rain in that vicinity Sunday night, when approximately five inches fell, suffered deep gashes in the palms of both hands as he sought to pick up the hogs that were kicking frantically, their hoofs tearing the flesh quite deeply. However, after considerable difficulty, he was able to rescue the porkers and save them from drowning.

### Return from the West

A number of young men from Union and Nehawka recently made a trip to Ogallala in search of employment, but not finding it, they have returned home. They report that all the way out the crops are looking fine. Around Lincoln, however, the wheat straw seemed very short, although the quality of the grain has proven about normal and the yield has run around 20 bushels to the acre.

### Entertained the Ladies Aid

Mrs. Louis Mougay was hostess at her home in the country to members of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church Thursday of last week when some twenty-three of the members gathered to hold their business meeting and discuss plans for furtherance of the church program. Afterwards a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. Mougay, and Mrs. A. M. McCarroll, the assistant hostess.

### Reception for Bride-to-Be

Misses Nola Banning and Louise Foster, friends of Miss Sara Upton, who is soon to become a bride, gave a very pleasant reception and shower last Friday in her honor. A large number of friends of the young ladies were present and an enjoyable afternoon was spent, with many useful gifts given to the bride to be used in her new home. Best wishes were also expressed for a long and happy wedded life.

### Will Rebuild Lumber Sheds

A portion of the lumber sheds at the Frans lumber yard having fallen into disrepair, are to be rebuilt and again put in first class condition. The preliminary work, including the foundation is now being done and when this is completed, E. E. Leach will start work on the reconstruction of the sheds.

### Underwent Eye Operation

Lucian Banning, who has been having some trouble with one of his eyes and has been in the hospital for the past week or more, last Saturday underwent an operation for relief from the trouble and is feeling some improved, but is still in the hospital, where he is taking further treatment.

### Combine Burned

While busy harvesting his wheat crop last Saturday, Eric Fey had the misfortune to have the combine he was using catch afire. As a result, this costly piece of farm machinery was badly damaged, as well as a considerable portion of the crop he was engaged in harvesting.

### Conducted Services Sunday

E. H. Wescott, of Plattsmouth, a member of the firm of Wescott's Sons, clothiers, and a very active member of and worker in the Methodist church of his home city, was in

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Union last Sunday morning and conducted services at the Methodist church here in the absence of the regular minister, Rev. E. P. Booher, who is in the Methodist hospital in Omaha undergoing treatment for a kidney ailment that has been giving him much trouble during the past few months.

Members of the congregation were greatly pleased with the excellent address which was delivered by Mr. Wescott and are hopeful that he may return for another similar meeting at some future date.

### Guests at Rihn Home

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans of near Glenwood, Iowa, long time friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Rihn, accompanied by their two daughters and Elijah Woods and wife, were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rihn.

### Holding Union Services

Union services at the park here last Sunday evening were enjoyed by a large number of the members of the two Union churches as well as other citizens of the community, who welcome the opportunity of outdoor worship during the hot summer months. The services were in charge of Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the Methodist church at Plattsmouth.

This coming Sunday evening the services will be in charge of Leo Rikkl of near Murdock, who will conduct the opening portion of the service. His wife, a talented vocalist, will render two solos and his son, Verner Rikkl, will render two trombone selections. L. Neitzel, also of Murdock, well known church worker and author of the weekly Sunday school lesson column in the Journal, will deliver the sermon of the evening. Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union will close the service with the benediction.

### Passed Ninety-Fourth Birthday

Mrs. Rachel Pell, of Union, was born in Oglaze county, Ohio, July 13, 1843, and thus on Tuesday, of this week attained her 94th birthday. When she was six years old, during the historic year of '49, her parents, along with thousands of other pioneers came west, locating in the state of Iowa. Nine years later, in 1858, when she was 15, the family moved on, locating in Cass county. All of the intervening 79 years, with the exception of two spent in Iowa, she has resided in this county. When one considers that she was 18 years old when the Civil war started and 22 when that great conflict came to an end, the many years that make up her span of life can best be understood. She has witnessed and herself played no small part in the development of Nebraska and Cass county. Her husband passed away a number of years ago. She has two living sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Etta Ellsworth, of Nebraska City, and her little granddaughter, Coral Jean Pope, also of Nebraska City, came Monday to be present at the celebration of her anniversary and the fine dinner which the children had arranged for her.

The four living children are Jesse Pell of Omaha, Mrs. Art Pearsley, Mrs. Ed Midkiff and Mrs. John Niday, all residing in this vicinity. A total of 22 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren together with two great-great-grandchildren comprise her living descendants. When she and her husband established their home in Cass county, they settled on what is now the property of John N. Larch, and is known as Springdale farm.

Radios, automobiles, telephones—even the telegraph were unheard of things during her childhood and she was well along in middle age as the average span of life runs when electricity was first introduced as a servant of mankind. The Journal congratulates you, Grandma Pell, on a long and well spent life, and joins in the hope of your many friends that you may go on in a rich enjoyment of life well past the hundred mark.

Swim Week Great Success  
Union has just closed a very successful week of swimming instruction sponsored by the Cass and Otoe county chapters of the American Red Cross and held at the Graham mill pool southeast of Union. Seventy-three were registered from

## DO YOU KNOW—



That the first engagement token was the Gimmel ring, this name being derived from the Latin Gemmellus, which means joined. The ring was made of two separate bands, with little teeth cut in their inner edge, and were joined together by the bride and groom when they walked to the altar.

Union, sixty or more from Nehawka and thirty from Avoca, as well as many from Nebraska City and other Otoe county towns.

Each afternoon during the week the trucks and cars bearing the Red Cross insignia and transporting the swimmers were on their way at 1:20 p. m., returning late in the afternoon.

Loren Hinzda, of Lincoln, and Miss Betty Clements, of Elmwood, both very fine Red Cross instructors, had charge of the work and so effectively carried out the program that many were able to pass the required tests at the close of this comparatively brief period of instruction.

The work is so valuable that no community should fail to avail itself of this opportunity for free instruction of its citizens, particularly the youngsters, to the end that all may be properly educated in water safety and know just what to do when an emergency arises that might otherwise result in drownings.

The schedule for the remainder of July includes week of 12th to 18th at Louisville state park sandpit lake, July 19 to 22 at South Bend and the week of July 23 to 31 at Merritt's beach on the Platte river north of Plattsmouth.

A water pageant in connection with Plattsmouth's "learn to swim" week is being arranged and will be presented Friday evening, July 30, at 8 o'clock.

Those passing the various tests from Union and vicinity at the Graham mill pool last week were:

Beginners: Wendell Berbee, Don Hoback, Kenneth Crawford, LaMar Keene, Ivan Keene, Bob Pearsley, Earl Crawford, Jerry Frans, P. F. Rihn, Jack Burke, Erma Burke, Wm. Booher, Jack Meredith, Don Meredith, Dale Younker, Don Beckner and Mrs. R. R. Anderson.

Swimmers: Bud Meredith, Glen Younker, LaMar Keene, Darrell Crawford, Meredith Keene.

Junior Life Saving: Tim Finney. Senior Life Saving: Dr. R. R. Anderson.

Last Sunday the members of the Sciota Sunday school held their annual picnic at Arbor Lodge at Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crunk and daughter Bertha and Mrs. W. L. Crunk, son James and daughter Elizabeth, were callers at St. Mary's hospital last Sunday, where they visited W. L. Crunk, who is there for treatment.

Mrs. A. J. Wilson and kiddies and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson and kiddies were callers in Murray last Sunday evening.

### GIRL SLAYER DIES

BELLEFONTE, Pa., July 12 (UP)—Alexander Meyer, 20-year-old farmhand walked calmly to his death at the Rockview penitentiary, early today. He was executed for the murder of Helen Moyer, Modena, Pa., high school girl.

The Moyer girl was attacked and slain on February 11th, in what was termed the "most brutal murder of all time."

She was walking home from school and was hit deliberately by Meyer, driving his truck. He picked her up and took her to an abandoned farm where he attacked her and later threw her body in an old well.

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## Britain's Fast Air Expansion Costly in Life

Six-Month Toll in British Royal Air Force Passes 60 With 400 Planes Wrecked.

By DAN ROGERS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
LONDON, July 12 (UP)—The British Royal Air Force has had 40 fatal crashes resulting in 62 deaths of pilots or observers since Jan. 1. On inquiry, the air ministry confirmed these figures, making the totals official.

These figures only cover fatalities. There are several times more non-fatal crashes than crackups in which personnel is killed, officials admitted. A London newspaper's unofficial estimate places the total of all R. A. F. crashes during the past five months at 400 machines which cost more than \$8,000,000.

Air ministry officials said this "looked a bit high," but were unable to give their definite figures or estimates on total number of crashes or the financial loss involved.

With 1937 at the halfway point, the R. A. F. losses already have exceeded the entire year 1935 and almost have reached the total for the whole of 1936.

### Flying Displays Perilous

More than a dozen R. A. F. men were killed on Empire Air day last month during flying displays. The largest military air show yet to be staged was held on June 26. During this display a single mass formation of 250 bombers and fighters flew in review.

Of the 1937 toll, 32 crashes causing 51 deaths occurred in the British Isles; the rest were in overseas squadrons. This percentage is logical for of course almost all training is done on home fields and, in addition, the weather of the British Isles probably is consistently more erratic than in any part of the empire—especially as concerns fog, the fliers' arch-enemy.

It has been suggested that Lord Swinton, air minister, is planning a general investigation to make R. A. F. training safer, but this was denied at the air ministry.

### Explanations Are Sought

Various reasons have been advanced to account for the tremendously increased number of R. A. F. crashes. One is that pilots are said to be trained in slow machines and called upon to fly fast, modern planes before they are ready. This is most emphatically denied by the air ministry.

The most likely reasons are two: 1. The rapid expansion of the R. A. F. as a vital part of Britain's rearmament, with the consequent production of hundreds of young pilots "fully qualified" technically but lacking years of experience.

2. British military flying has been put on a war basis—pilots fly regardless of the weather, more often bad than not, because, as one squadron commander remarked tersely: "war doesn't wait on weather."

### FRANCE CELEBRATES

PARIS, France, July 14 (UP)—Paris celebrated Bastille day today with a gigantic military parade in which 600 fighting planes flew over the city in formation. President Lebrun, of France, King Carol of Rumania, and the chief of army staffs of Rumania were among the notables in the crowds.

Planes flew despite fog and one fell into the Seine river near Concord bridge. The two men in the plane which fell, realizing they must land, crashing into the streets and killing people, guided the plane deliberately into the river. The plane struck the water, bounded high, and settled on the water. Crowds from the shore jumped into the water and saved the pilots from drowning.

Today's celebration marked the 147th anniversary of the storming of the famous Bastille prison in France.

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## Weeping Water

Mrs. Art Buchold was visiting two days this week at Nebraska City at the home of her parents.

In a game of baseball last Sunday between the CCC boys and the Plattsmouth team, the camp team won by a score of 7 to 3.

Edward W. Thimgan of Plattsmouth, in charge of the government sanitary project was looking after business matters in Weeping Water last Friday.

There is to be a gathering of the Tri-County Blacksmith association next Sunday at Bennet. Eugene Ludwick of Weeping Water is the secretary of the county association.

George Bruenner, Jr., a brother of Mrs. Eugene Ludwick was a visitor at the Ludwick home in Weeping Water last Sunday, remaining until Monday when he returned home to Loretta.

Last Sunday Stuart Rough of Nehawka came via Weeping Water and getting his sister, Miss Agnes, went to Omaha and Washington to visit with relatives, returning home in the evening.

Dr. C. O. Herman of Weeping Water who has been attending Northwestern University in Chicago, taking a post-graduate course, arrived home last week to again take up his practice here.

Ben Olive was in Louisville last Tuesday, taking his boys along and giving them instruction in swimming and looking after their welfare until they should acquire the art of swimming.

Louis Schumacher has been over to Mrs. Roscoe Harshmann where he has been assisting with the harvest and threshing for his sister, Mrs. Harshmann. Louis reports a very good yield.

Henry Crozier was called to Elmwood last Tuesday to look after some business and also to see the completion of the redecoration of the bank building which is now occupied by the Elmwood postoffice.

Wm. Dunn the former auctioneer and Hveryman who has been making his home in Omaha for some time past, accompanied by David Tighe, also of Omaha were visiting friends in Weeping Water during the day last Monday.

Dean Anderson, guard at the government quarry east of Weeping Water temporarily to take the place of a guard who is ill there. He will return here following the recovery of the guard who works in Omaha.

Mrs. Byron Baker, Miss Ruth Homan, W. H. Homan and wife, made a party who went early last week to Murray and getting Eugene Gruber who is home on a ten days vacation from the Great Lakes naval training station, bringing him to Weeping Water where he has been visiting this week at the home of W. H. Homan.

S. Ray Smith was over to Lincoln the first of the week and tells of a place where on one side of the road the hoppers had virtually stripped the leaves from the corn and were going through the field, while just across the fence they had not bothered the corn in any way and as well just across the road it is not disturbed.

### Had Picnic Dinner Sunday

Last Sunday a merry party gathered together and went to Arbor Lodge where they enjoyed a stay at the park and also picnicked at the grounds during the day.

Among the party was Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Baker, Miss Ruth Homan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Homan, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gruber of Murray and Eugene who is just now home from the Great Lakes training station where he is training in the navy. Eugene is to depart the coming Sunday, July 18, for Los Angeles where he will go on a ship at San Diego.

### Mary Allen Home Tuesday

Mrs. Fred Allen and daughter, Mary, 13, who have been for a time at Yellowstone Park where they have

been visiting for some time and where about a month ago Mary was attacked by a bear who bit her very severely on one leg, inflicting a severe wound, so serious that for a time it was feared that the member would have to be amputated, but is now showing good improvement and now it is felt that the injury is going to heal entirely. Mrs. Allen and daughter arrived in Omaha via the Union Pacific last Tuesday morning and Mr. Allen drove to Omaha after them.

### Wheat Field Catches Fire

Jacob Kraeger of between Weeping Water and Murray was looking after some business matters in Weeping Water Tuesday and in conversation was telling of a neighbor's wheat field, that of Edward Gansemer, catching fire. Neighbors came with wet sacks and finally beat out the fire, but not until much damage had been done.

### Learning to Swim

Some sixty-two of the young boys and girls of Weeping Water have formed a class taking swimming lessons at Louisville where they go every day for five days, starting Tuesday of this week. They are under the supervision of Mrs. Ray Norris, assisted by Mrs. O. C. Hinds and Mrs. Wm. Van Every. The children are given swimming lessons and during the period for the class becomes proficient in the art of swimming which all people should have, for emergencies are sure to occur which requires all to know how to swim.

### Home From Valley

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baker were over to Valley where they were visiting for a few days at the home of Rev. Harold Baker, pastor of the Methodist church there. They had been visiting there for a week.

Rev. Baker and family had driven down from Valley one night, getting here after Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baker had retired and got them out of bed, taking them to Valley where they had some cherries to can. Mr. and Mrs. Baker returned home last Tuesday morning. W. D. Baker reports that the night before they came home the members of the church had given Rev. Harold Baker a "sugar surprise" in which the membership came to the parsonage, each bringing sugar and that when stock was taken at the close it was found that there was 185 pounds of sugar on the kitchen table. Rev. Baker is of the opinion that it is a very good congregation to minister to.

### Had Good Wheat

Paul Gerard who has completed the threshing of his wheat and marketing the same, had two fields threshed out which averaged 28 bushels to the acre and tested 62 pounds to the struck bushel and the other one going 23 bushels to the acre and testing 58 pounds. He was well pleased with the results.

### Fred H. Gorder Feeling Poorly

County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder of this district, has not been feeling the best, but is able to be about, but does not get down town as often as formerly. During the hot weather he has been keeping pretty close to the home and shade. We are hoping Mr. Gorder will soon be in better health and able to be about as formerly.

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