

STAG PATROL MEETS

The Stag patrol of the Boy Scouts held their 36th meeting Wednesday evening with Gerald Hennings and eight of the nine members present. Ralph Hill, Jr., being unable to be present. The early part of the evening was spent in the study period and later games and ping-pong served as entertainment. At a suitable hour lunch was served and the gathering closed with the Scout benediction. Those attending were James Mauzy, Jr., patrol leader; Billy Robertson, Billy Hula, Don Martin, Lars Larson, Cary Marshall, John Soenichsen, Gerald Hennings.

VISITS FRIENDS HERE

Dr. A. A. Brooks, pastor of the First Methodist church of Omaha, with his son, Culver, were in the city Wednesday for a short time visiting with a number of the old friends. Dr. Brooks and son had been at Lincoln to arrange for Culver to enter the University of Nebraska. The Brooks family have just recently moved to Omaha from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Cass County Girl Writes of Life Abroad

Miss Jane Boedecker, Studying Music at Paris, Writes of Interesting Journeys.

Miss Jane Boedecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boedecker, of Murray, who is at Paris studying piano at one of the large European conservatories of music, has just enjoyed a very delightful tour of several European countries.

The many friends will be pleased to read the fine description of the various places of interest, as given by Miss Boedecker, given below:

"It was a day typical of Paris the morning I left for Germany. The sky was over-cast and produced an effect that is most descriptive of the city itself—gray sky, gray buildings, and the gray Seine. While riding to the station, I realized just how much Paris has come to mean to me, for I was happy in knowing that I was to return and that this departure was only to be for a short time.

"The train voyage to the German border lasted about seven hours. The countryside was almost a reminder of Nebraska—now very flat, now rolling and wooded. Picturesque little villages were here and there—one nestled in a valley, another on a hillside, and each house in them was individually charming in architecture. After traveling for about three hours, we came into snow—and was I happy to see it! You know native Parisians have never seen what we know as real snow. They've seen it fall, but it melts immediately when it reaches the ground and the beauty of it is entirely lacking. So I was really thrilled to see real snow once again.

"Upon reaching the border, officials came through the cars and examined all passports. Then at Saarbrücken, the first city in Germany, I had to declare my money. I had to tell them how much French money I had, after which I was given a slip of green paper. This, I was told, was to be presented to the officials when I left Germany. The German government is very rigid in these matters, and the whole idea is that one can't bring out any more money than one takes into the country.

"The next town was St. Ingbert. There I spent two nights and a day, and it was there I encountered my first difficulties with the German language. I managed, more or less, with the help of a German-English dictionary and the daughter of the family with whom I visited, who spoke a little French.

"The first night I heard Adolph Hitler over the radio. The German people appear to have an extraordinary adoration for the 'Führer,' as he's called. They refer to him as 'ein guter Mann,' which means a good man. I was quite astounded at first to hear all the people, even the small children, saying: 'Heil Hitler.' This expression is used instead of 'How do you do,' or 'Hello,' and there is only one category of people to whom this is not addressed, those being the clergy.

"The next part of my trip was through the Saarland and lower Neckar valley. This is a quite mountainous country and it was particularly beautiful when I passed through it because of the snow. The mountains are thickly wooded with pine trees—and it was really a thrilling sight—each pine with its covering of snow glittering in the sunlight. I passed through Mannheim and Heidelberg, the latter being a magnificent old town situated on the banks of the Neckar. It is the home of Germany's oldest university, Ruperto-Carola University, founded in 1386. I was particularly taken with Heidelberg and was disappointed that the train didn't stop there long enough for me to do some 'sight-seeing.'

"It was in Altheim that I spent Christmas week with my relatives. The village itself is a charming old place, typically German in every way. I was told that approximately two hundred fifty of the eleven hundred inhabitants there are farmers. The farmers live in the village and farm the surrounding land, as is the case most often in Europe. The soil is quite productive in this section, but is very hard to work because there are quantities of small rocks in the surface soil. They raise small grains mostly, lots of hay and just a little corn, which is used only as fodder. The fields are unusual in appearance because they are divided into small plots. One English-speaking man told me that if a farmer there had 100 acres, he'd have it divided into 200 different little patches. The farmers

raise practically all their food products—even have their flour made in a mill at the edge of the village. In this way, they are quite independent of others for the necessities of life.

"It was quite interesting to be able to celebrate Christmas in the true German fashion. Santa Claus comes to German children the sixth of December, and on Christmas eve, a figure all in white comes. He is called 'Christkind' which is German for Christ Child. Their Christmas trees are like ours except that they are always illuminated by candles. Best of all, during all of the Christmas season, they have the most delicious Christmas cookies—all shapes and designs—that simply melt in your mouth.

"After leaving Altheim, I went to Frankfurt-am-Main. The famous old town hall, the Römer, is there, and in it the coronation ceremonies for many of the German emperors took place. In one room, the portraits of all the emperors from Charlemagne on down are placed on the walls all around the room. Those of the emperors of the earliest centuries were molded from coins, as no portraits of these ancient rulers have been preserved.

"The square in front of the Römer is quite picturesque. It is surrounded by old domiciles of 12th and 13th centuries whose exteriors are quite unlike anything I've ever seen. They are, in general, three or four stories high, and each story has five to seven windows. In fact the whole structure itself is not much more than windows. These houses appear to be built onto each other, leaving no space whatsoever between them.

"I was interested to find out that dramas are given in this spot every summer. The actors are on the balcony of the Römer and the audiences are seated around the square. "Among other interesting things I saw in Frankfurt were the cathedral, the exteriors of Goethe's birth-house and the house of Rothschild, and of course, the place where they sell the famous frankfurters.

"I had always dreamed of taking a voyage along the Rhine, but had never thought my dream would come true. From Mainz to Coblenz is known as the most romantic part of the Rhine valley. Between these two cities, on each side of the Rhine, are the ruins of old castles. The famous Mouse Tower and Pfalz are in the middle of the river. Then about half way between Mainz and Coblenz is the legend rock, the Lorelei—a jagged mass of rock which rises 430 feet above the Rhine. It was especially thrilling to me to see the Lorelei rock because at college I'd studied the song written about it in German class.

"At Cologne, I had an hour's wait between trains. I spent the whole hour in the magnificent cathedral there. The fifth largest Gothic cathedral in the world, it is a commanding structure from the exterior. The two spires tower into the sky and I walked two blocks in order to be able to see the top of them. Inside, the windows interested me the most. They were almost like portraits—lifelike and rich with their millions of colors. A rich shade of yellow, almost gold, predominated in several of the largest ones. The massiveness of this cathedral was almost breath-taking and it was a sight I never shall forget.

"For four glorious days I was a guest at the villa of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kutsukian in a suburb of Antwerp, Belgium. Jean Spier, the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Kutsukian, is here in Europe to study violin. She is from Nebraska City and we became acquainted after I'd been in Paris several weeks. Together with Bill Hart, from Omaha, we made a gay trio of Nebraskans. We spent most of our time eating and going to the movies. New Year's night we were all much thrilled to hear a part of the Rose Bowl game from the U. S., which came in about 8:00 p. m.

"I returned to Paris January 2, and am now back in the routine of my piano lesson, harmony study and French classes—and my journey is just a cherished memory.—Sincerely yours, Jane Boedecker."

SPOKE ON PHILIPPINES

Frank Gradoville, who was a teacher and later held a government position in the Philippine Islands, gave a very interesting talk to the pupils and Sisters at St. John's parochial school Friday afternoon on life in the Philippines, exhibiting a number of the coins and other money in use there. His discussion of the climate, industries, etc., was followed closely by all the pupils, and particularly those in the more advanced grades whose study of Geography has given them some prior information on these interesting island possessions.

Military Asks Italy to Bore a Tube to Sicily

Army Strategists Consider Island Vital Key to Empire Defense—Called Boon to Sicily.

ROME (UP)—A tunnel under the Straits of Messina to insure the safe and rapid transport of troops and material to Sicily in event of war is again being urged by military experts.

Just like the contemplated tunnels under the Straits of Gibraltar and the English Channel, the Messina tunnel idea is not a new one. For years engineers have visualized a tunnel which would join the island with the mainland. Like many super-projects it was put away to collect dust and was forgotten.

Creation of the empire has revived talk of the tunnel. It is the military strategists who see it as one of the requisites for the defense of the state.

Sicily, to use the words of Premier Benito Mussolini in his Palermo speech, has become the geographical center of the empire.

The island as such has become the principal stepping-off place for contact between the motherland and her possessions. Due to the present Mediterranean line and the development of watercraft, Sicily also has become the strategic center for all activity against potential enemies.

Sicily Holds Key To Italy
In other words Sicily can make or break Italy, it is admitted. Something must be done to make it impregnable to attackers. Air and sea bases must be manned and kept supplied with food and material.

Consequently the transport of troops, war material and food to Sicily must not only be speeded up but done with a minimum of risk and loss. Shipments of men and material via overland routes would be exposed to the bombs and projectiles of attacking enemy planes and ships.

The only answer to all this, say military experts, is a tunnel. Deep under the floor of the sea, safe from air or ship bombing, the tunnel would be the channel by which Sicily could withstand any enemy contact with Libya, Pantelleria and the other possessions.

Shelf of Land Exists
The tunnel under consideration would be about 7 miles in length, only 3 of which would be under the open sea. The deepest point of the channel where the tunnel would pass is 310 feet, although the sea-bottom to the left and right of the projected boring, slants down to a depth of more than 975 feet. It is explained that this shelf of land is a continuation of one of the Apennine ridges from the mainland to Sicily.

The tunnel itself would reach a depth of 490 feet, giving it ample protection against the play of the treacherous Messina currents or the shift in the sandy and muddy bottoms which would be overlaid with a thick coat of concrete.

The tunnel would extend from Villa San Giovanni in Calabria to Sant'Agatha, a suburb of Messina. The project includes both rail and road traffic through the tunnel. New autostrades would be constructed to the tunnel mouths.

While the construction of such a tunnel would run into millions, military experts argue that its use in peace time alone would pay for its construction and maintenance.

Called Boon To Sicily
It is pointed out that the tunnel would bring untold gold to Sicily and solve all her economic ills. Sicily, which supports almost 4,000,000 people and has place for double that number, is one of the most fertile spots in the empire.

Experts give three reasons why such a tunnel would bring about industrial and agricultural rejuvenation to the island. They are: Facilitate the transport of power so necessary in the exploitation of the island.

Guarantee steady train traffic between northern Italy and the island. The ferry service would be discontinued and new rolling stock introduced which would benefit all points south of Rome. Industry would be the chief gainer.

Military experts have failed to take into consideration the volcanic origin of the region where the projected tunnel is visualized. Some engineers argue that the slightest tremor or earth movement would be sufficient to destroy such a tunnel.

VISITING AT CHICAGO

C. A. Johnson, former mayor, with A. W. Kopp, are in Chicago where they were called to look after some matters of business for a short time, leaving for that city last evening on the Ak-Sar-Ben over the Burlington.

NEED OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING

LINCOLN, Jan. 29 (UP)—Governor Cochran told the first Nebraska conference on adult education he believed educational emphasis in the past has been concentrated largely on college preparatory work and not enough of vocational training.

Assuring the conference of his cooperation the governor said he considered it "a very practical meeting which should lead to practical results."

The conference was attended by representatives of industry, government and school officials for the purpose of discussing educational requirements.

"We are proud of the educational achievements in Nebraska during the past," Governor Cochran said, "but as we reflect on the educational efforts that have been made, we cannot help but see that perhaps those efforts have been centered to much along lines leading to higher education rather than taking care of concrete public needs and of the larger majority of young people who do not get to the higher institutions of learning."

OLDEST WOMAN IN IOWA DIES

HASTINGS, Ia., Jan. 29 (UP)—Mrs. Nancy J. Hurst, 106, believed to be the oldest woman in Iowa died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jane Benedict here today. She formerly lived at Tabor.

Born June 22, 1831 in Hendricks county, Indiana, Mrs. Hurst, widow of the late Levi Hurst came to this section in 1865. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom are living. They are Fred Hurst of Doniphan, Nebraska, Mrs. Cynthia Verbeck, 81, of Sidney, Iowa and Mrs. Benedict. Her husband died in 1876.

SAYS HAS FINGERPRINTS

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP)—George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright told the London News Chronicle today that he would have been leading a life of crime if he did not have fingerprints that left prints.

Shaw denied reports circulating for years that his fingers were without whorls and were so smooth that no print could be made of them.

"I wonder where it originated," he said. "I have fingerprints just the same as everybody else—or rather nearly the same."

TO RAZE ROCKEFELLER HOME

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 29 (UP)—The former home of the late John D. Rockefeller will be razed to make way for a parking lot and gasoline station, it was decided today.

The Rockefeller mansion was a show place of Cleveland's historic Euclid avenue in the 90's. In it were born John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the other Rockefeller children. Rockefeller, Sr., bought the home and lot in 1868 for \$40,000.

OMAHA PARK METERS PAY FOR THEMSELVES

OMAHA, Jan. 28 (UP)—Omaha's first 750 parking meters installed at a cost of \$41,978 last May have paid for themselves in full, City Comptroller Charles Stenicka reported today. There was about \$100 left over as an installment on the \$13,982 paid for the second batch of 250 meters, he said.

NINE GIANTS SIGN

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (UP)—Nine New York Giants have signed 1938 contracts with the National League champions. Secretary Eddie Brannick announced today. Pitcher Tom Baker was the latest to come into the fold, a relief hurler. Baker worked in 20 games last season.

TRY TO FOOL JAPS

PEIPING, China, Jan. 29 (UP)—A Japanese spokesman said today that members of the Chinese Eighth Route (former communist) army were exploding fire crackers to conceal a severe shortage of ammunition.

RAISE LARGE SUM

BOSTON, Jan. 19 (UP)—Proceeds from the president's birthday ball in Boston Garden last night probably will total \$19,000. Postmaster Peter F. Tague, chairman, said today.

ROOSEVELT FOR PEACE PRIZE

OSLO, Norway, Jan. 29 (UP)—The Cuban minister informed the Nobel prize committee today that Cuba intends to nominate President Roosevelt for the peace prize.

WARM AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 27 (UP)—Continued warm weather was forecast today after a 10-year record was equaled yesterday when the temperature reached 82 degrees.

BETHANY HIGH SCHOOL COMING ON THURSDAY

Many of the fans have been asking for one of the Lincoln teams to play basketball at Plattsmouth next Thursday, February 3rd. This game will start promptly at 8:00 o'clock and promises to be over at 9:00 o'clock. The school is arranging for just one game because it being a mid-week game. As a special feature between the halves Charles Mapes will make a short talk. Mr. Mapes is now superintendent of schools at Bethany, formerly graduating from the Plattsmouth high school in 1908 and was a member of one of the first football teams of the Plattsmouth high school. Many of the old-timers will remember Mr. Mapes as a boy in Plattsmouth at the earlier part of the 19th century.

FAILS TO PASS TESTS

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 29 (UP)—Robert Brittain, Council Bluffs, was unable to pass the new Nebraska road patrol's "third degree" and was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$20 by Municipal Judge Robert A. Winkelman.

State Patrolmen Robinson and Caswell halted Brittain on a Fremont street and ordered him to touch his nose with his forefinger, pick up a key from the pavement and try to walk in a straight line.

Brittain, they decided, failed to come up to requirements and he was charged with intoxication, driving while under the influence and reckless driving. He admitted the first two charges but denied he was driving recklessly.

BETHANY STRONG

The Bethany basketball team is one of the strongest in Lincoln they having won the Greater Lincoln League last year and the Class B state basketball championship for the past two years. They have defeated the Havelock team by a wide margin and the College View team 28 to 8. This game will start promptly at 8:00 o'clock. There will be no preliminary game but the main game will be one of the feature games of the 1938 season.

SUFFERS ATTACK

John Geiser, an old resident of the city, a familiar figure in the downtown district, suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion Wednesday and which it was first feared would result fatally. He was sitting in one of the local taverns to warm up from the cold, when he suddenly fell from his chair to the floor. Medical aid was summoned and he was given treatment and was able later to go on to his home.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—C. D. Palmer was taken to the Clarkson hospital in Omaha today, where he will undergo an operation on Friday.

"Charlie" has been laid up a long time now, and his friends all trust the operation may prove successful and bring him relief and restoration to health.

EN ROUTE TO COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chase of Holyoke, Colorado, are in the city to visit their daughter, Mrs. Hilt Martin and family and as well as at Omaha with the Stuart Chase family. They have been visiting relatives in Iowa and Nebraska and are now on their way back to the west.

TEAMS HAVE SCRIMMAGE

The Plattsmouth high school basketball team was at South Omaha Wednesday afternoon to scrimmage against the Packers. No score was kept of the game and the two teams found a great deal of benefit in the practice.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Friday's Daily—Miss Lillian Sedlak, clerk in the office of Assistance Director Paul Vandervoort, who has been confined to her home this week, is reported as improving. It is hoped she may soon be able to resume her usual activities.

HAVE NEW DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holman are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born on January 25.

Walter H. Smith LAWYER

Plattsmouth State Bank Building
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

The civic planning committee met Wednesday evening to discuss a number of the projects that have been suggested for the future in the city and which includes community center, swimming pool, tree planting and other activities that might tend for the beautification and welfare of the community.

A committee has been appointed to make definite plans and estimates of amounts that might be needed to budget for the various projects.

VISITING IN THE CITY

Mrs. Alex Schliske of Los Angeles, California, arrived Wednesday to be here with her father, Claude Carter, who is at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, recovering from the effects of a severe injury, and also visiting with the family here. Mrs. Sylvia Clossen and daughter, Alvina, of Hyannis, Nebraska, are also guests at the Carter home for the next few weeks. Mrs. Clossen is a sister of Mr. Carter.

Black & White Wed. Specials

SHURFINE Grapefruit Juice No. 300 Tin... 3 for 25c

SANDWICH SPREAD or Salad Dressing TASTE WELL Full Quart Jar... 25c

SHURFINE Cake Flour Large Pkg. 23c

Calumet BAKING POWDER 1-lb. Tin 21c

P & C Soap 10 Bars for..... 39c

Peanut Butter TASTE WELL 32-oz. Jar 23c

Tomato Juice Campbell's 3 Cans 25c

Every Day Crackers 2-lb. Caddy 17c

Kellogg's or Miller's Corn Flakes Lge. Size, 3 for..... 25c

Jell-O Special 1 Pkg. Chocolate Jell-O and 3 Pkgs. Assorted Jell-O. 4 for..... 18c

Crisco or Spry Perfect Shortening 3-lb. Tin 53c

Macaroni or Spaghetti 5-lb. Box 35c

SHURFINE SYRUP Golden or White, Gal. 49c

2 RICE KRISPIES 1 KELLOGG PEP 25c

Armour's Hams Picnic Hams 5 to 10 lb. Avg. 15c

NECK BONES, 3 lbs. 15c
KRAUT, lb., 5c; 8 lbs. 35c
Wisconsin Bulk

Swift's Premium Lamb Loin Chops Special, per Lb. 29c

Swift's Bacon Squares Not Sliced or Cut 15c

Cream Cheese American, per Lb. 20c



Plattsmouth, Tues., Wed., Feb. 1-2

Bliss Brand COCOA 15c
2-lb. Can
Utah's or Pioneer TOMATOES No. 2 1/2 Can. 3 for 29c Dozen, \$1.15
Domestic Oil SARDINES 1/4-Size Can - 3 for 10c

Del Monte COFFEE 25c
2-lb. Can. 49c; 1-lb. bag... 17c
SUNRISE COFFEE 3 lbs., 49c; 1-lb. bag... 17c

NECK BONES, 7 lbs. 25c
Fresh, Meaty
SPARE RIBS or Fresh HOCKS, lb. 12c
KRAUT, Bulk, lb. 5c
Fancy Wisconsin BOILING BEEF, 2 lbs. 19c
Choice Lenn Rib
HAMBURGER or Pork Sausage, 2 lbs. 23c
Freshly Ground
PORK CHOPS, lb. 17c
Choice Center Cuts
BEEF STEAK, 2 lbs. 29c
Tender SIRLOIN or SHORTCUTS
MINCED LUNCHEON or Ring Bologna, 2 lbs. 23c
Selected
WHITING FISH, 3 lbs. 25c
Headless, Dressed

Kumer's Tender Garden Peas No. 303 2 for 25c
Cans...
Dozen, \$1.45

Comet Peeled Apricots No. 21 cans, 2 for... 29c

Kumer's CATSUP 14-oz. Bot., 2 for... 25c

GRAPEFRUIT, Sweet, Juicy Texas Marsh Seedless Medium size, each... 2 1/2 c Per dozen... 29c

ORANGES, Sunkist Navels Juicy California Seedless Med. size, doz. 19c Large size, doz. 23c Extra large size, doz. 29c

APPLES, fancy quality Winesaps, 6 lbs. 25c Bu. Bskt., \$1.33
Delicious, ext. lge., doz. 39c

BANANAS, Tropic Gold, lb. 6c Fancy, Firm Yellow-Ripe
POTATOES, Idaho Bakers Commercial Grade 15-lb. Peck 19c 100-lb. Bag \$1.19 (Weight Net when Packed)

HEAD LETTUCE, each... 5c Medium Size Solid Heads

Del Monte or Dole's PINEAPPLE 4 large Slices in 15-oz. Can 11c
HINKY-DINKY BUTTER 1-lb. Carton 34c
CASCO, Solids, lb. 35c
Sunlight Margarine 1-lb. Carton 15c