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## NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Sioux City Journal, 7: Mrs. G. A. Herrick, of Waterbury, Neb., was a guest for the week-end of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Surber.

Sioux City Journal, 6: Harold Ostmeier departed yesterday for his home in Homer, Neb., after visiting his brother, Charles Ostmeier, and family.

Central City Nonpareil: Last Monday Evgen Way and family moved to Waterbury, Neb. Bob and Mary have remained, however, to finish the year's school work.

Ponca Advocate: Attorney S. T. Frum, of Dakota City, was in Ponca last Friday. Mr. Frum appeared for the city in the sewer injunction case before Judge Guy T. Graves.

Walsh Citizen: B. E. James and family moved to a farm near Dakota City last Saturday. Alice Mason of Homer, returned Friday with her cousin, Lena Mason, and remained until Sunday evening.

Lyons Mirror: Greely Best, of Homer has bought the property of E. H. Heims and moved there Tuesday. Mr. Linton and family enjoyed a visit from his mother over the week-end. Mrs. Linton was en route to her new home in Lincoln.

Neligh Leader: R. J. Forsyth recently went to Dakota City and purchased five head of thoroughbred Ayshire cows as a foundation for a herd of cattle. They were purchased of Joe Barnett, the owner of one of the largest and the oldest herd of the breed in the state. These cattle are a larger and harder animal than the Jersey, but yielding milk of a similar quality. The breed originates in Scotland where

animals are compelled to rustle for their feed and in addition to that are insured to cold. So far as known to the writer these are the only animals of the breed in this county.

Wakefield Republican: Mrs. D. C. Lesmer went to Sioux City Tuesday morning where she had dental work done. Mrs. Dean Cornell and Miss Hilda Nelson went to Sioux City Sunday morning and spent a few days with friends. Mrs. Moore of Coleridge, returned home Saturday, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Pranger and husband. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fous near Concord, was buried Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Fous was formerly Miss Viola Heikes. James Booth accompanied a couple of cars of goods belonging to Will Beith to Dakota City this week. Will is moving there to make his home. Mrs. Allie Cobleigh of University Place, came up Tuesday afternoon for a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Ware, who has been quite ill.

Emerson Enterprise: Jas. Hogan was a Dakota City visitor Monday. John Wasmund of Dakota City visited the week end in Emerson at the Tolstrop home. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coughtry and little daughter went to Coburn Tuesday to visit Mrs. Coughtry's sister. Mrs. Frank Heeney went to Sioux City Monday to spend the day with her mother, who is recovering from her recent sickness. Mrs. Jim Smith and two children of Hubbard visited last week with her sister, Mrs. James Heeney, and returned home Saturday evening. Mrs. August Anderson and three children, of Wood Lake, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rudolph Botger, this week. She also visited in Hub-

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## Farm Bureau Field Notes C. R. Young, County Agent

The annual meeting of the County Pure-Bred Live Stock association was held Tuesday of last week. Mr. C. S. Buckley was re-elected president and the County Agent secretary. The organization decided favorable to cooperate with the Farm Bureau in carrying on, with the State College and U. S. Department of Agriculture, the "Better Live Stock Crusade." This consists of enrolling farmers and others who agree to use pure-bred sires only. The association also offered valuable assistance to the Farm Bureau in outlining the program for the Pure-Bred Shorthorn and Hereford Heifer Club for boys and girls. Full details of this club will appear next week. Every boy and girl from 12 to 18 years of age may become a member. We are making arrangements for boys to own a heifer on their own note if they do not have the money with which to buy. If interested write the County Agent at once.

Emerson precinct recently held a very interesting Farm Bureau meeting at the Nacora bank. Project work for the present year was discussed with the result that a sweet-clover growing project will be conducted by Mr. John Bonderson, who believes that by increasing the fertility of his soil in this way and by growing corn in a shorter rotation, that he can increase, in a short time, his yields of the crop. This demonstration should prove very profitable. A demonstration for the "dry" treatment for grain smut will be conducted on the Wm. Rohde farm, just before seeding. This method has proven superior to the old wet method. Mr. Rohde will also demonstrate this year the advantages of Northern vs. home grown seed potatoes. Mr. Peter Ronfeldt will test out the advantages of rolling small grain when 6 to 8 inches high with a corrugated roller. Especially in dry years, much is claimed for this practice. A gopher demonstration was planned for the John Bonderson farm, and an orchard pruning demonstration for the Wm. Biede farm. Several farmers offered to keep cost of production on farm crops and live stock this year.

At the Covington precinct meeting, Mr. Ira Waddell, who is the present director to the Farm Bureau, appointed Henry Beermann and Don Forbes to assist him in pooling the arsenate of lead order for this year. Persons desiring to participate in this order should notify these men

or the County Agent at once, as the closing date is set for March 20th. It was voted to accept orders only for 25 and 50 lb. drums. Our savings have ordinarily run from 10 to 12 cents per pound.

## M. E. Church Notes

Rev. S. A. Draese, Pastor  
"Signs of Progress."  
Three more, out of the thirty-four whom we have been looking to see at church, came last Sunday.  
Some are getting courage to come twice the same day. Eleven people besides the preacher have a double record for last Sunday. We had just begun to think the same sermon would be all right for both services, but not when folks began to act like that. The old saying, "People make their preacher," is true still. If they want him to be lazy just let them stay at home on Sunday and he will attend to the "barrel."  
Come on, the preacher will show you good sport if you try to beat him on that game. May be you never heard of the "barrel."  
Some new faces in Sunday school last Sunday, and more next Sunday. The 80 mark was passed, but the 100 mark is ahead.  
Easter Sunday will be "Join the church" day, this year. Everybody may have a part in the program who desires. Why not? Why should I be an active church member? The noblest and strongest characters the world has ever known have been earnest Christians. The church is the visible means by which God has established the Kingdom of Righteousness. Directly or indirectly all Christian influences have come from the organized church. I would not care to live or bring up my children in a place where no church existed. If everyone should follow the example of the non-church member, there would be no church.  
It is selfish for me to expect to have the benefits of the church while I am refusing to identify myself with the church. I need the church and the church needs me, therefore I should join it and do all in my power to establish its influence in the community.  
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## County School Notes

Teachers' and Patrons' Questions Relative to School Matters Answered.

Ques.—I understand that the date for the first eighth grade examination was changed. Is that true?

Ans.—The eighth grade examination date was recently changed from April 1 and 2 to March 25 and 26. This change was made because Holy Thursday and Good Friday were found to come on the former date, making the examinations interfere with church functions. Another reason for changing the date was that the North Nebraska Teachers' association will meet at Wayne, April 1, 2, and 3.

Ques.—Where will the eighth grade pupils take their examinations?

Ans.—They will take their examinations in the grammar grade rooms of any school in the towns of this county. Pupils finding it more convenient to take their examinations in Emerson, Waterbury, or Ponca may do so, if they will see to it that their papers are sent directly to Dakota City by the one in charge of the examinations. Since the new law requires that all examination papers must be written under a number assigned by the county superintendent, it will be necessary for those pupils who wish to take their examinations in Emerson, Waterbury or Ponca to obtain a number before the examination day. A pupil's name must not appear on his examination papers, according to the new law.

Ques.—Will the eighth graders who take the county examinations be required to take an examination in bookkeeping?

Ans.—Yes, bookkeeping is one of the fourteen subjects listed in the new law in which a proper grade must be earned to obtain an eighth grade diploma.

Ques.—When was the law passed that requires eighth graders to take bookkeeping?

Ans.—It was passed in April, 1919, and went into effect on the 15th day of last July.

Ques.—May seventh graders take eighth grade examinations in such subjects as they take in the quarterly examinations?

Ans.—Quarterly examinations bear no relation whatever to the eighth grade examinations. However, a seventh grade pupil may take eighth grade examinations in subjects in which he has properly completed the work outlined in the course of study, and shows that he understands these subjects as well as a pupil of his age and grade can reasonably be expected to understand them. No effort should be made to hurry pupils of this grade through a subject to get the subject out of the way. Grammar grade subjects are too important in meeting the needs of later life to pass them lightly in order to get through with them or to get in the high school.

Ques.—Will the grades that seventh grade pupils earn hold over for next year?

Ans.—Any grades of at least 80 per cent that a seventh grade pupil earns in subjects in which he has completed the course of study are permanent grades. They may be used at any time towards the completion of the eighth grade, provided that the grades have been earned on questions issued by a state department of education and the pupil's papers graded under the supervision of a county superintendent.

## SNAG BOAT TO HAVE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON RIVER

It has been the general belief among the residents of this place that the government boats traveling up and down the river past this place did more toward causing the river to cut away the banks than anything else did. Accordingly a letter was written to Congressman Robert E. Evans asking him to intercede and request the War Department to instruct the officers on government boats to avoid the banks as much as possible along the townsites.

Following is the reply from the War Department received by Mr. Evans:

WAR DEPARTMENT  
United States Engineering Office.  
Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 1, 1920.  
Subject: Erosion of the bank in vicinity of Dakota City, Nebraska.  
Hon. Robert E. Evans, M. C.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

1. Your letter of the 25th inst., requesting that Government boats avoid the Nebraska shore opposite Dakota City, has been received.

2. Our records show that since July 1, 1918, the point in question has been passed by Government boats only nine times. The project for work for the coming year will, under most favorable conditions call for only two passages by Government boats at this point.

3. I believe that the alleged damage caused to the banks of the stream is greatly overestimated by the residents at Dakota City. Even if erosion were aggravated the effect would be very slight and not to be compared in any way with the effects caused by the river current itself in its natural flow.

4. Navigation on the unimproved sections of the Missouri river is difficult and dangerous at the best, and especially the river above Kansas City. Boats in order to navigate at all must seek the main channel. This main channel, and on the upper river the only navigable channel, is generally along the concave or cutting bank or bend. The deep water is generally near the bank and when the water is very deep the channel is very narrow. A boat cannot stand out a great distance from the concave bank without grounding in the shallow water opposite.

5. It is impossible to direct boats to avoid the Nebraska shore at Dakota City in any way except by discontinuing snagging operations and river improvement on the upper river. However, the master of the "Mandan," the only Government boat operating above Kansas City, will be directed to ease by cutting banks as much as possible while paying due attention to the safety of his boat.

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