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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1921

PUBLIC MEETING

The committee appointed by the new drainage district organization finished their work of fixing the boundary for the new proposed district at a meeting Tuesday evening, and a public meeting has been called for Saturday evening of this week, at the court house, when their plans will be presented for consideration.

Banker D. G. Evans was here from Hubbard on business Tuesday.

Prof. H. M. Eaton went to Omaha Friday for a week-end visit in his home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oederstahl of Rosalie, were here on business at the court house Wednesday.

Lee Garner, who had been visiting relatives hereabouts for a couple of months, left Sunday evening for his home at Whitney, Neb.

Wm. Labrs and family and Herman Labrs and family drove over to the Fred Labrs home east of Leeds, Iowa, Sunday and spent the day.

The roads have been put in fine shape again, during the balmy weather of the past few weeks, and are now ready for the winter freeze-up.

Henry Wilke of Emerson, stopped over in town Saturday on business while enroute home from the city by auto. The Herald acknowledges a pleasant call.

There will be a special meeting of Omadi Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., on Thursday evening of this week, December 15th, for work in the Master Mason degree.

The pupils of the Dakota City high school indulged in a "weenie roast" at the bluff's southwest of town Tuesday evening. They were chaperoned by Profs. Eaton and Carlton.

J. P. Rockwell came down from Ponca last week, where he and Mrs. Rockwell are making their home for the winter with the Frank Mehom family, and is doing some repairing about his place here.

The electric plant at O'Neill, Neb., is burning corn. It is figured that with the saving on freight both ways the corn is less expensive than coal and the ashes are so rich in potash that they are valuable for fertilization.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shaw and Miss Ella Kroger, of Lyons, Neb., autoed here Saturday morning, and in company with the ladies' sister, Miss Emma Kroger, teacher in the Dakota City schools, spent the day shopping in Sioux City.

R. M. Taylor, of Walthill, who has been soliciting for the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., in this locality, finished up his work here Saturday, by signing up 62 of the 80 farmers in this trade territory. He went to Lincoln Sunday to report at headquarters.

Will Best, salesman for the Cudahy Packing Co., of Sioux City, was called in from Ft. Dodge, Ia., where he has his headquarters, to help out in the plant during the pending strike. He spends the nights at the home of his mother, Mrs. G. M. Best, in this place.

County Judge McKinley officiated at the following weddings the past week: Frank Jones and Everetta Snyder, both of Onawa, Iowa, and Felix LeMoine of Bronson, Iowa, and Maude Hull, of Sloan, Iowa, on the 12th, and Anthony Schaefer and Mary Sommermyer, both of Sioux City, on the 13th.

The men folks of the M. E. church and congregation will serve an oyster supper, with "trimmings" at the church basement Friday evening of this week, and invite the public to come and participate at 75 cents a couple, or 40 cents a single plate. There will be music and other entertainment.

Paul Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Graham, living west of town, suffered a double fracture of his leg below the knee Saturday, when a team hitched to a manure spreader ran away, striking the corner of a corn crib and throwing him between the spreader and the crib. He was taken to a Sioux City hospital for treatment.

George Gribble was up from Omaha several days the past week, visiting relatives and friends.

Land Bargains—Write for my large list on crop payment plan. Jess Kissner, Garden City, Kansas.

Prof. J. Irwin Long, superintendent of the Rosalie, Neb. schools, was a visitor here Saturday while en route to Sioux City on a Christmas shopping tour.

Men's and Boys' Shoes and Over-shoes, and Horse Blankets, 25% to 35% off. 5 to 25% off on my complete stock of harness; etc. Harness oiled at \$1.00 per set. Hans Knudsen, Jackson, Nebr.

Sunday evening as Grant Holbrook and family were driving home to the Vern Heikes farm from a visit in town, in their Ford, a Homer car driven by Everett Lothrop bumped into them from the rear and mashed both hind wheels and otherwise damaged their car. They carried no tail light and the driver of the other car claimed he did not see them in time to avoid striking them.

The depot on the Omaha line here was "touched" by burglars again on Monday night and about 12 pennies and a small quantity of gum was the extent of the loot taken. There was no express or freight in the warehouse that the thieves cared for. The waiting room is left open during the night, and the thieves crawled through the ticket window, after breaking out the sliding door.

Handsome invitations have been received by a number of the telephone patrons in this vicinity, inviting them to Homer Sunday afternoon to attend the ceremony of presenting medals to Mrs. Mildred Lothrop of Homer, and Frank H. Forrest of Dakota City, for the part they played at the time of the Homer flood, on the night of May 31, 1920. The following program has been announced for the occasion, beginning at 1:30 in the Farmers Exchange hall: Music by Brown Family Orchestra; Invocation by Rev. C. R. Lowe; Address by Mayor Thos. Ashford; Vocal Music by Homer male quartet; Address by H. G. Taylor, chairman of the State Railway Commission; Address by Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie, on "Nebraska's Heroic Citizenship"; Vocal selection by Mrs. I. J. Davis, with Mrs. Ray Swanson at the piano; Address, "The significance of the Theo. N. Vail Memorial Fund Awards," by Guy H. Pratt, vice president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. Presentation of bronze medals to Mr. Frank H. Forrest and Mrs. Mildred Lothrop, by Arthur A. Lowman, vice president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. Presentation of the Theo. N. Vail silver medal to Mr. Frank H. Forrest, and the gold medal to Mrs. Mildred Lothrop, by W. B. T. Belt, president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. Song—America—by audience. Informal reception.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES
W. E. VOSS, Superintendent

Since so many questions concerning school law comes up, it seems well to include the substance of my answers in the school notes. This will give others an opportunity to gather information that they may have been wanting for a long time, and, too, it will give me an opportunity to clear away many erroneous constructions that have been put on some school laws, and to kill off at least some of the school law that is always being passed around that never existed as written law. This unwritten school law is troublesome stuff, causing many heated arguments and misunderstandings and bringing about trips to Dakota City to settle something where there should have been no question. In order to be of further service, I shall be especially glad to have in writing the questions concerning school matters from any one residing in Dakota County.

Here are some of the questions that have come to me recently, which are merely indicated: Many of the people seem to believe contrary to the facts that the statutes of Nebraska make provisions for legal holidays for schools; that corporal punishment is prohibited in the schools; that tuition may be collected from certain persons residing in the school district; that a county superintendent may discharge a teacher; that a county superintendent may force a district to maintain a school; that a county superintendent may determine the grade of school to be maintained in a district; that the industry of the home goes ahead of the education of the child; and that the first bond that a school treasurer gives holds good for each term for which he is re-elected. Those people who think these things to be true are in need of information.

SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

(From Farm Bureau News)

The college of Agriculture will offer, as usual, a number of short courses in agriculture this winter. The four weeks' auto-tractor school which has proven so popular in the past, will open Monday, January 9. Other registrations for this school are January 23, February 6 and 20. This means that a man may enter on any one of the above named dates and complete the entire four weeks' course. Men of all ages may enter. Students will have some choice regarding the subjects which they wish to take.

The different subjects studied in this four weeks' course are ignition, carburetion, lubrication, repair work, bearings, belt lacing, forge work, chassis parts, operation of automobiles and tractors. Practical shop work is given in connection with each of these subjects. This course will make it possible for any operator of an automobile or tractor to make small repairs needed and also to do a complete job of overhauling. A fee of \$25 is charged for the four weeks. If the student wishes to remain for eight weeks, a second fee will be charged at the beginning of the second course. Persons interested, write H. E. Bradford, Principal, College of Agriculture, Lincoln, Nebraska.

SIMPLE FIRE PRECAUTIONS

(From Farm Bureau News)

I wonder what my readers are doing toward protecting the homestead from fire. The season when we again make use of stoves, furnaces, or fireplaces is almost here. Always with the opening of this season come reports of destruction of farm residences and other buildings by fire. A little time spent in inspecting the stoves, furnaces, pipes and chimneys may save heavy losses a little later. It is estimated that the annual fire loss in the United States amounts to about a quarter of a million dollars. While the country does not suffer many very heavy losses, as does the city, the total, were we able to arrive at it, would be appalling.

In addition to the precautions to which I have referred there are others to be observed. One of these has to do with the storage of gasoline and with the storage of rags are frequently found where the tractor is stored or the automobile housed. A spark in such combustible material may start a disastrous fire.

While referring to the automobile as an added source of danger as regards farm fires it is also true that in connection with the telephone it may prove a source of safety. After a fire is discovered neighbors may be notified by automobiles and in a few minutes be on hand to assist in fighting the fire, providing fire-fighting apparatus is at hand. This leads me to ask: Have you a long ladder that will reach to the roof of house or barn? Many a building has burned all because of the lack of such a ladder. Now that so many farm residences are provided with running water it is important that in connection with such a plant one have a hose of sufficient length to use in case of fire. Then, whether one relies upon waterworks or buckets in fighting fire, he should always have handy and within easy reach one or more chemical fire extinguishers. Even in the city, where water is to be had in abundance in fighting fires, chemicals are more and more coming into use.

This little talk is not new. You may say that you have heard it before. Perhaps you have. Have you headed it "Today building material, and especially lumber—unless we buy wooden ships at \$2,100 each—is far too expensive to be permitted to go up in fire. Then, there are the contents of these buildings, and more important still, perhaps the loss of life."—Dante M. Pierce.

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And, those who pack their grips and bid farewell to the North at this time, reap rich rewards and return with a full realization of the real value of a winter's vacation in that romantic, historic and beautiful land south of the Mason & Dixon line.

Instead of saying to yourself—"I wish I were in Dixie," why don't you go South this winter? The cost is low--perhaps not as much as you thought it would be, when the price of things generally is considered, and you deduct the cost of staying at home.

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