

The Plattsmouth Journal.

VOL. NO. XXXIX.

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1923.

NO. 15

RURAL SCHOOLS OFFER INTERESTING PROBLEMS

Government Bureau of Education Has Many Helpful Suggestions as to Their Conduct.

When school opens in the fall, rural children who have been playing or working out of doors should be watched rather carefully. The change from a day of physical activity to one of seven or more hours of confinement is great and may bring on an illness unless a few precautions are taken. For a short time at least, the school day might well be broken up into more than the usual number of periods and the children given frequent recesses. They should be advised to eat less heartily of strong foods during the first two weeks of school so that the physical machine, considerably slowed down as it is, may have a chance to adjust itself.

Moreover, the first assembling of large numbers of children from different homes may bring in the germs of colds, measles, scarlet fever or other diseases. Proper foresight on the part of school authorities can nearly always keep these from being epidemic. The school should be the most healthful place we have for children.

The Rural School Mail Box

There is always an interesting time for the agriculture class at Hillcrest school in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, when the mail arrives. No wonder, for this class search the advertising columns of papers and magazines that come to the school. When they see anything that they think will be of interest to them, they write for it immediately. They are greatly interested in dairy cows because national dairy cow champions live within walking distance of the school. They write all over the world to cattle breeders' associations for advertising material to own copies of dairy cow champions for pictures of their prize animals. From this material they get information and illustrations for their notebooks. But the knowledge they seek is not confined to dairy cows. Their agricultural notebooks show how many topics have been enlightened by incidents and illustrations found in farm bulletins, seed catalogues and pamphlets and bulletins issued by manufacturers of farm machinery.

Every rural school should have a mail box where the mail should be delivered there. The school should take a daily paper, a current magazine suitable for elementary school children and a farm journal. It should be on the mailing list for certain bulletins and pamphlets issued by State and National agencies of education, agriculture and public health.

Rural Communities will Respond

"A Square Deal for the Country Boy and Girl" is one slogan for "Community Day," Friday, November 23rd, announced in the program for American Education week.

The program has been prepared by the American Legion, the National Education association and the U. S. Bureau of Education, working in co-operation, for the week beginning Sunday, November 18, and ending on Saturday, November 24, 1923.

"For God and Country" is the title for Sunday, November 18th. In the churches the ministers will discuss as three subjects, "Education in the Home, in the School, in the Church." Slogan for that day, "A Godly Nation Cannot Fall."

"American Constitution Day," on Monday, November 19th. Slogan, "Ballots, Not Bullets."

"Patriotism Day," Tuesday, November 20. Slogan, "America First."

"School and Teacher Day," Wednesday, November 21. Slogan, "Better Trained and Better Paid Teachers, More Adequate Buildings."

"Literacy Day," Thursday, November 22nd. Slogan, "No illiteracy by 1927—It can be done."

"Community Day," Friday, November 23rd. Slogan, "An equal chance for all children" and "A square deal for the country boy and girl."

It is expected that every rural community will assemble at its schoolhouse on that day. Here is the program suggested: (1)—Equality of opportunity for every American boy and girl; (2)—Rural schools, city schools, colleges; (3)—A public library for every community; (4)—Children today, citizens tomorrow.

"Physical Education Day," Saturday, November 24th. Program: (1)—Playgrounds; (2)—Physical education and hygiene; (3)—The great out-of-doors; (4)—The country's need in conservation and development of forests, soil, roads and other resources. Slogans, "A sick body makes a sick mind," "Playgrounds in every community" and "Athletes all."

Do It With a Club

Whether it is a baseball club, a corn, calf or canning club, a pig, potato or poultry club, the boys and girls are learning how easy it is to do things through clubs. They are learning early the value of organization. Is this not a promise that the next generation of farmers will know how to organize for success? One of the first activities of the new school year will be the formation of clubs in thousands of country schools. The wise teacher will encourage the movement knowing it to be a means

of promoting regular attendance and increasing the interest in school work. In addition to one or two of the clubs mentioned, every school should have a School Improvement club in which the boys and girls can unite.

ACCEPTS NEW POSITION.

From Thursday's Daily.

William H. Shopp, who has for the past year been engaged as the general foreman of the Burlington store department, departed last night for Miami, Missouri, where he goes to accept a position there as storekeeper for the railroad. Mr. Shopp, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Shopp of this city, commenced his railroading here with the "Q." and has been at a number of important points on the lines both east and west and stands high with the railroad as a faithful and efficient workman and his advancement to any position with the railroad is certainly deserved.

OMAHA GIRL IS KILLED IN AUTO-MOBILE ACCIDENT

Miss Marie Munn Has Neck Broken in Serious Accident Four Miles Northeast of Greenwood.

From Thursday's Daily.

Miss Marie Munn, aged thirty, of Omaha, was instantly killed shortly after noon yesterday when the Nash roadster which she was driving was turned completely over on the highway four miles northeast of Greenwood.

Witnesses to the accident declared that Miss Munn was driving fast and skidded five times within a distance of 600 feet before the car was completely overturned, righting itself in the roadway.

The head of Miss Munn had been caught in the bows of the broken top and badly injured when the witnesses of the accident could reach her. Melvin Welmer, Charles and Jack Street were the witnesses and assisted in releasing the young woman, who was rushed to the office of Dr. N. D. Talcott at Greenwood, but was dead before reaching the office of the physician.

The car, with the exception of the smashed wheel and windshield, was in good condition, practically without mishap. The top was but slightly damaged and the fenders barely scratched. The girl's traveling bags and purse were not disturbed from the position on the seat beside her.

Attorney C. D. Quinton and County Attorney G. G. Cole were called to the scene of the accident and state that for some distance traces of where the car had veered from side to side of the road could be found and that she had turned her car quickly from a small ditch at the point where the fatal accident had turned completely over and her head caught in the bows of the top causing the fatal injuries.

Miss Munn formerly resided at Rockport, Indiana, and moved to Omaha ten months ago, where she was employed at the Sanford hotel, where she had formerly operated a beauty parlor.

She was engaged to D. M. Vogel, manager of the Omaha branch of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, whose car she was driving on the fatal trip. When interviewed at the office, Mr. Vogel, who was suffering greatly from the shock of the accident stated to the newspaper representatives, "It was a case of fast driving on a dusty road pitted with ruts," as an explanation of the accident.

TRUTHFUL AUTO DRIVER.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon there was an auto collision near Elmwood and which while it did not do a great deal of damage developed the fact that there were at least two perfectly truthful auto drivers and who acknowledged that they both were driving fast. The cars were from Keokuk and Burlington, Iowa and the only damage done to the cars was the smashing of the luggage carriers on the side of the cars. The Burlington car was coming east having been on the way home from Denver and this was the first accident of the trip, while Keokuk car was bound for the west. The parties in the two cars were frank in stating that they were both stepping on the gas and did not try to blame each other for the accident but shook hands and departed trusting that there would be no more trouble encountered.

HAVE A NEW LOCATION.

The Plattsmouth Ad club enjoyed their weekly noon day luncheon yesterday at the parlors of the First Methodist church where the ladies of the church had arranged a very dainty and much appreciated treat for the members of this popular business men's organization. The location of the church in the main part of the city makes it of easy access and the parlors a very pleasant place to hold the luncheon with a privacy that cannot be found elsewhere and the repast served—well all members were eager for another try at the ladies home cooked dinners.

A THRILLER OF THE EARLY DAYS IN CASS

INCIDENT RECALLS ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES OF THE SETTLEMENT PERIOD.

From Friday's Daily.

A few days since George Eaton and Frank Owings, of Union, were here and carried with them a magnetic needle which was supposed to have the power of locating hidden gold and silver treasures and the purpose of the visit of the two men was caused by the tradition that has been handed down through several generations of the fact that a quantity of gold had been hidden in this locality, in an early day when Plattsmouth was one of the outposts of civilization at the edge of the great plains of the west which stretched in endless wastes of grass and desert land to the Rocky mountains.

The gold in question that the men sought was that which they had heard had been buried by a Dal Johnson and his brother John, many years ago, when the men were in the midst of the sometimes bloody conflict between the residents of the present day and the early days of the claim jumpers who came from adjoining states and particularly from Iowa and Missouri.

As to the gold, there can be little basis found for the story, but the search for it recalls to mind the more or less familiar story of the exciting days that terminated tragically for these same Johnson brothers and a comrade of theirs by the name of Kelly, who was also a resident of the hamlet of Plattsmouth in the year 1857 when the alleged incidents occurred.

At that time the settlement of the new country west of the Missouri was bringing many of the hardy pioneers in search of new homesteads and naturally the timbered lands that lay along the rivers and creeks constituted a prize well worth the effort. Frequently the settlers who had timber on their land and were not physically able to defend their rights against the encroachments of the claim jumpers, were out of luck and many an early settler was missing. When interviewed at the office, Mr. Vogel, who was suffering greatly from the shock of the accident stated to the newspaper representatives, "It was a case of fast driving on a dusty road pitted with ruts," as an explanation of the accident.

As related by a number of the old settlers, the Johnsons, who came from the vicinity of Glenwood, then the most important town of the west, had been expected to the Indian woman, great deal of the claim jumping in this locality, and the most intense feeling was aroused against them at this time when the citizens were beginning to take the law into their own hands over the west and preparing to resist the invaders who would intrude on their rights.

A vigilance committee had been formed in this part of Cass county, and which included many of those whose names were afterwards interwoven with the history of Cass county and to this committee was given the enforcement of the made to order law of the right of the strong.

The Johnsons were aided in their efforts it was claimed by a man by the name of Kelley who conducted a saloon or drinking place near the present ferry road, at that point it was known as Fairy Glen and the place, from the statements of the early settlers, was far from being a dwelling place of any fairies, as it was the gathering place of the rough characters of the border. This man Kelley had married one of the Indian women, who was left to mourn his loss when the wrath of the vigilance committee fell on the Johnsons and Kelly.

One night the committee called on the two Johnsons and Kelly and hurried them away from their homes to the vicinity of the river and from that hour no member of their families saw them again. It was at first reported that the men had escaped from the vigilants and gotten safely away, also that the men had been shot and buried in an old well on some land south of this city, but the passage of a few years brought forth a little more of the truth of the matter apparently as the story generally accepted then was that the three men had been drowned in the waters of the Missouri river.

Pioneers here whose relatives were residing here at that early date tell that the bluffs along the Missouri river rang with the despairing cries of the men as they were hurried to their fate. The story told is that the men each had a rope binding their hands and feet, while around their necks were fastened ropes to which heavy stones were securely fastened and they were then placed in a skiff and towed to a deep part of the river and flung out into the stream to answer for their invasion of the land of the settlers and only the quiet flowing stream has really known the secret of their going into the unknown.

It is said by those who were made familiar with the incidents that the death of the men had weighed on the parties who comprised the committee that punished them and although many years had passed after the tragedy, when the time came for a member of the Vigilants to himself pass before the All Wise Ruler, his last hours were carefully guarded, that he should not betray the secret that involved so many in the community and each in turn seemed to fear the journey into eternity as the time drew near to carry their dark secret with them to the grave.

And thus endeth the thrilling tale of the fate of three claim jumpers, which outlivs in some ways, the famous Diamond Dick thrillers of a few years ago.

FREDRICK MUENCHAU IS CALLED BY DEATH

Prominent Citizen of Western Cass County Removed This Week—Had Many Friends.

From Friday's Daily.

On last Saturday morning Fredrick Muenchau, who had been sick but a short time, passed to that final rest. The news came as a blow to his many friends who were not aware of his condition. It had not been but a day or two before that he was on the street and talked to his friends. He was taken to his bed and his condition gradually grew worse until the end came Saturday morning. In the removal of Mr. Muenchau, one of our finest, best and most highly respected citizens has gone, but his memory will live. Mr. Muenchau was a most successful farmer, and at the time of his death owned some of the best land in the county. He was engaged in business in Elmwood for a short time a year or so ago, having owned and operated the Public Market, which was purchased by Mr. Saxton some time ago. He has been identified with many important movements that meant so much to his community and county and was always for honesty and fair play.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, on August 25, 1859, at the age of 64 years, 6 months and 22 days. In 1873, with his parents, he came to the United States and settled in Cass county, Nebraska.

In the seventies he was converted under the labors of Brother Greener and joined the Evangelical church of which he was a member until his death.

On September 29, 1879, he was united in Holy wedlock with Lydia Reiter. This union was blessed with nine children, six sons and three daughters, one son having preceded him into the other world.

Brother Muenchau was a progressive farmer living in Cass county and owned and operated the Public Market, which was purchased by Mr. Saxton some time ago. He has been identified with many important movements that meant so much to his community and county and was always for honesty and fair play.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, one sister, five sons, three daughters, eighteen grandchildren and many friends who mourn his sudden departure.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

CIRCUS LOSES DOG

After the departure of the World Brothers circus from this city, Robert Brittain, the young son of Councilman John C. Brittain, discovered a very pretty little white Spitz dog in the vicinity of the Burlington yards and of animals being restless and seemingly worried. Robert followed it to a spot east of the track, where a nest of five fine little puppies was found.

Learning of the find and surmising that the little dog had been with the circus, Mr. Brittain got in touch with the circus and was followed to a spot east of the track, where a nest of five fine little puppies was found.

The mother dog was one of those used in the dog show of the circus and had made her escape early Saturday night to seek a quiet spot for the birth of the puppies and eluded the search for her that was made during the greater part of the night by circus employes.

KICKED THE WRONG HORSE.

John Richardson, the ferryman, is traveling around by the aid of a pair of crutches and all the result of a misplaced kick. John was working with an unruly horse Wednesday and as the animal was decidedly balky Mr. Richardson decided to give him a jolt and accordingly aimed a kick at the head of the horse, which was dodged and the force of the blow fell on the upper part of the animal's head and while it did not injure the horse it sure damaged John. The foot was badly bruised and some of the small bones thought to be fractured and at least Mr. Richardson will have to be on the retired list for a time at least.

ENJOY VISIT HERE

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith had as their guests for a few hours, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clutcher of Omaha and a sister of Mrs. Clutcher, from Aberdeen, South Dakota. Mr. Clutcher is owner of one of the largest kennels of the famous Boston Terriers in the west and while here was looking over the city with the possibility of locating here as the city was very pleasing to the family and within easy distance of Omaha. The party was accompanied by a nephew of Mrs. Clutcher, who is a student at Creighton college.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the Methodist Aid society held their annual election of officers and named the following to carry on the business of the society for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. William Baird, Vice President—Mrs. Val Burie, Secretary—Mrs. Harry Schultz, Treasurer—Mrs. W. I. Howland. The meeting was quite largely attended and the greatest of interest was shown by the ladies.

GIVE PLEASANT SHOWER FOR FALL BRIDE WEDNESDY

Miss Josephine Vaneck is Guest of Honor at Event Held at Warga Home—Many Present.

The pleasant country home of the John Warga family, south of this city, was the scene of a very delightful social gathering on Wednesday evening which was in the nature of a "kitchen shower" in honor of Miss Josephine Vaneck, whose marriage to Mr. Charles Warga is to take place the first part of September.

The decorations of the room were in a color scheme of pink and white, which was carried out in the array of handsome flowers placed in a very artistic manner throughout the rooms and which afforded a pleasing touch to the scene of merriment and pleasure.

The early portion of the evening was occupied by the members of the party in the enjoyment of a "mock wedding," in which the guests participated and which caused a great deal of merriment to all of the jolly party. During the evening selections on the Edison as well as a number of piano numbers served to the delight of the members of the party.

At an appropriate hour the members of the party were served with very dainty refreshments by the Misses Rose and Anastasia Warga, which proved a pleasant feature of the occasion.

In honor of the forthcoming pleasant event Miss Vaneck was presented with a large number of handsome and appropriate gifts that will long be cherished as remembrances of the kind friends.

Those attending the happy occasion were Messrs and Mesdames G. B. Bach, John Libershal, John Beeson, Fred Spangler, H. W. Hull, James Liepert, Ed Stava, Ray Wiles, W. A. Swatek, Charles Mannors, Philip Leipert, Will Hutchison, Jack Stamm, John Svoboda, James Newsek, Joe Bull, Anton Hulka, Arthur Sullivan, J. H. Fulton, M. G. Stava, Francis Klema, Frank Slagel, Clara Mariss, A. W. Cloidt, John Cloidt, George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Spangler, Misses Mabel Furlong, Helen Libershal, Nettie Spangler, Mary Sedlak, Annie Smetana, Lillian Koubeck, Rose Janda, Dorothy Svoboda, Alice Wooster, Mary Lois, Elizabeth, Margaret and Florence Wiles, Florence Dean, Marie Hutchison, Hazel Sullivan, Ernest and Agnes Skavioek, Mary Sedlak, Antonia Vaneck, Pauline, Florence Newsek, Marie Svoboda, Josephine Minners, Dorothy and Florence Propst, Theresa and Margaret Hausland, Ruth Janda, Anna Jiroussek, Rose Liepert, Lucy and Emily Stava, Helen Gilmour, Helen and Velma Stahl, Anna Martis, Antone Kalkka, Thelma Hutchison, Rose and Anastasia Warga, Messrs. W. P. Hutchison, Frank Konrat, Mr. Fitchhorn, George Smith, Charles Beeson, Homer Spangler, George Hull, Ralph Mark, George Stava, James and Faustine Newsek, Ernest and Vern Hutchison, Newton and Thomas Sullivan, Billy and Bobby Gilmour, Joe and Frank Martis, Sam and Elmer Fitchhorn, Mark Furlong, Albert and Glen Hutchison, Mike Gelys, Levey Wilson, Bert Fulton, Earl Smith, Theodore and John Svoboda, Ernest Janda, Raymond Janda, John James, Albert, Rudolf and Charles Warga.

MARRIED IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday Council Bluffs occurred the marriage of two well known and highly esteemed young people of the Nehawka neighborhood, Miss Chancellor and Mr. George Lannen. The wedding was a very quiet one and the young people will make their home in the vicinity of Nehawka in the future.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Chancellor and the groom has made his home in Nehawka for some time, coming from Ohio to the west to live.

FOR SALE

One black mare, 6 years old, wt. 1,300. \$75. See Byron Babbitt, a27-4v.

DOING VERY NICELY.

The reports from Lincoln state that Captain Floyd Harding, who was recently severely injured a few weeks ago when he was struck and ran down by his own car that he was attempting to start while the car was in gear, is now doing very nicely, and as well as could possibly be expected under the circumstances. Captain Harding has been at the Everett sanitarium and has been kept in a plaster cast to protect the injured thigh where he suffered a double fracture. The accident has been very depressing to the captain who was to start his work as one of the military instructors at the state university this year and as he will have to remain in the cast for some six or eight weeks it will make it late when he starts in on the actual training work and consequently has caused him a great deal of worry in addition to his sufferings from the injury.

ASSIGNMENT OF THE CITY TEACHING FORCE FOR YEAR

Superintendent G. E. DeWolf Makes Arrangement of Teachers to Form Staff This Year.

The Plattsmouth public schools will open for the year's work Tuesday morning, September 4th. The teachers will assemble Saturday afternoon for a general teachers' meeting, also for high school and grade teachers' meetings.

The following will comprise the staff for the coming year: HIGH SCHOOL—R. G. Campbell, Principal; C. H. Peden, Science; Pearl Mann, Mathematics; Estelle Baird, Languages; Nora Livingston, English; Jessie Robertson, History; Pearl Staats, Normal Training; Isabel Hartley, Commercial; Dorothy Pond, Household Arts; F. A. Rothert, Manual Training and Athletics.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—Anna H. Heisel, Principal, Grammar; Cora Jones, Reading and Spelling; Teresa Hempte, Geography and Physiology; Clara Weyrich, Arithmetic; Eileen Ceder, History and Civics.

CENTRAL—Amelia Martens, Principal, Grades C and I; Gladys Lash, Grades I and II; Marie Boyd, Grade II; Lora Lloyd, Grade III; Evelyn Stewart, Grades III and IV; Alice Waters, Grade IV; Marie Svoboda and Janet Bajack, Grade V; Blanche Gerner, Nellie Carlson and Anna Rys, Grade VI.

COLUMBIAN—Nettie Hawksworth Principal, Grade V; Camilla Christensen, Grades C and I; Catherine Bintner, Grades C and I; Jessie Whalen, Grades III and IV.

WINTERSTEEN—Mae Farley, Grades C and I; Clara Tritley, Grades II and III.

WARDS—First, Viola Cudney, Grades C and I; East Second, Ethel Babbitt, Grades C and I; West Second, Rose Prohaska, Grades C and I; Mercerville school—Helen Egenberger, Grades C to IV.

SUPERVISORS—Frances Fields, Music; Marie Kaufman, Penmanship and Art.

SUPERINTENDENT—G. E. DeWolf.

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

The Boy's Work!

The boy's most important work—regardless of the amount he might otherwise earn—is to complete his high school education and so fit himself for success in later life.

Parents owe it to their sons to see that they get their chance.

Boys owe it to themselves to make the most of opportunities open to them.

School starts tomorrow. The boy belongs in school—keep him there.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME
PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA

ELECT DELEGATES TO STATE LEGION CONVENTION

Local Post Selects Representatives to Department Meeting at Hastings in September.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening the members of Hugh J. Kearns Post, American Legion held their annual meeting for the purpose of naming the delegates to the department of Nebraska which will meet on September 17-18 at Hastings.

The meeting of the state department is being held for the second time in the Adams county city, as it was there that the second convention was held and the members have always found a cordial welcome at this place.

At the local post meeting the delegates selected to represent the post were William G. Kieck and William R. Holly, and the alternates as A. H. Duxbury and George W. Conis. The Plattsmouth post strongly in favor of the wish of the Nebraska City post to secure the state meeting for that city next year and will do their utmost to aid our neighboring city to land the state meeting and the local post is also desirous of having one of the local members named as a delegate to the national convention at San Francisco.

The instructions for the delegates on a number of important matters will be voted at the next meeting before the delegates leave for the state meeting.

CASS COUNTY RESIDENTS PICKED UP AT LINCOLN

Members of the Staff of State Sheriff Tom Carroll Pick Up a Picnic Party in Capital City.

From Thursday's Daily.

Sheriff C. D. Quinton has received word from Lincoln to the effect that the operatives from the office of State Sheriff Tom Carroll in that city had made the "pinch" of a picnic party which included in its membership several residents of Cass county. The party were not alone engaged in a picnic, but it is alleged had something a little stronger than water to drink and this last is what caused them to get mixed up in the machinery of the law and will probably result in a costly experience before they are out of the affair. The names of the parties given were Walter Reeder, Tom Boyles and Guy Hopkins and it is claimed they are residents of the western part of Cass county.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

From Friday's Daily.

Friends here have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Halle Lewis to Mr. J. A. Vosburg, which occurred at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, a few days ago. Miss Lewis will be remembered here as one of the teachers in the high school for the year 1918-19.

Boxed stationery, Journal office.