

# MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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## Will Pay Cash Difference

Between a smaller farm and a good half section of Cass county land. Let me hear from you!

Your Money is Ready

**John Gakemeier**  
Murdock, Neb.

Mrs. J. Landholm and little daughter were enjoying a week end visit in Omaha with relatives.

S. P. Leis, Floyd Hite, and W. H. Rush were assisting in the shelling of the corn of G. V. Pickwell.

John Gray and good wife were visiting with friends as well as looking after some business in Lincoln on Wednesday of last week.

Sherriff Bert Reed, Attorney A. L. Tidd and the county attorney and county judge were looking after some business matters in Murdock on last Wednesday.

Jess Landholm, who has been visiting and looking after some business in the western portion of the state and Colorado arrived home on Thursday of last week.

Ray Gamblin, living west of Murdock last week purchased a Ford touring car of the 1926 model from a house in Omaha and is well pleased with the new boat.

Five gallons of Tropicant Motor Oil, the finest product for the Manhattan Oil Co., the best for winter use of \$3.50, George Utt, at the lower Garage, Murdock, Neb.

John H. Buck was a visitor in Omaha for the day on last Wednesday and remained until Thursday to look after business and also attend the State Blacksmith's convention.

G. V. Pickwell was shelling corn and delivering it to the elevator in Murdock, the grain being handled by W. T. Weddell, and was in excellent condition, the same bringing 71 cents per bushel.

William Schnormer and daughter, Miss Anna, of Hubbard, Iowa, have been visiting for the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klemme, where all enjoyed a most delightful visit.

Henry Richmann, who has been in very poor health for some time, is reported at this time to be feeling slightly better, and was able a few days since to be down town and visit with his many friends.

Henry A. Guthmann of the Bank of Murdock, was a visitor in Omaha on last Wednesday where he was in attendance at the Nebraska Bankers' Association convention which was being held in the metropolis last week.

Will Kruger and wife of Wisner, the former a brother of Mr. John W. Kruger of this place, arrived in Murdock last week and were guests of John and the good wife for a few days, all enjoying a very pleasant visit.

John Eppings and wife, with the kiddies, were over to Plattsmouth on last Wednesday evening where they went to visit the mother of Mrs. Eppings, Mrs. March, who is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Virgil Arnold.

Mrs. Charles Letts of Council Bluffs and Lewis Watson of Omaha, were visiting in Murdock at the home of Grandmother Amgwert, and also with Henry Amgwert and wife, for over the week end, they all enjoying a very pleasant day.

A number of the young people, better known as the "Gang," enjoyed a wiener roast at the Straich Grove, west of Murdock, where a most enjoyable time was had, such as young people full of spirits and good health are capable of enjoying.

Mrs. Milo Buskirk, who has been visiting in Scottsbluff and Minature for the past month and being a guest of her parents, J. R. Johnson, returned home last week and was accompanied by her brother Orville Johnson, who will visit here for a time.

Mrs. W. P. Mayer of Sioux City, arrived early last week and has been

visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool, and also, in company with Mrs. Tool and son, Douglas, was visiting with friends in Lincoln on Thursday of last week.

Fred Buell has been having some work done on the interior of the farm home to keep it the very brightest, as well as having the house painted on the outside and thus keeping the property in the best condition.

Homer H. Lawton is doing the work. Clifford Jones of Lincoln and Mr. Arthur Jones and wife of Weeping Water, and Mrs. George Vabderberg and son, Edward of south of Murdock, were enjoying the afternoon and a six o'clock supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gorthey on last Wednesday.

John Eppings, the highway man, who keeps the Red Ball highway in such excellent condition has been getting the snow fence in place for the protection of the road during the winter, and also painting the guard rails along the highway and getting the road in the best of condition to enter the winter.

W. H. Rush, who has been painting and otherwise assisting in the improvement of the home which Leslie Rush purchased from Mrs. Harry Gillespie, has gotten the place looking very fine and the latest modern appliances in her home, after she has worked so many years to make this the excellent country it is.

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Mrs. A. J. Bowers, of Murdock, who has been in the city some fifteen varieties of flowers which beauty and color make the surroundings of the home most attractive. Among the varieties of the flower are the bright scarlet sage, the handsome asters, the delicate Cosmos, the beautiful geraniums, as well as other varieties of the flowers that make themselves hardies of the Nebraska climate.

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## DR. L. D. LEE

Physician and Surgeon

Announces the opening of Offices at Murdock, Neb., beginning Oct. 24th.

which was in bloom and looks like it was intending to have a second crop of cherries this year.

Have Excellent Time. Last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Timm northwest of Murdock were gathered a large number of young people to give the newly married folks a good time, with a merry evening and a shower of such things as the home will need.

The wedding of Louis Till, son of Mrs. Henry Titomf Timm, Son of Mrs. Henry Timm, and Miss Lena Fisher the latter from Courtland was solemnized a week previous at the church north of Murdock, and which face we did not ascertain in time for the paper.

The fathering at the home of the brother and his wife was largely attended, and a most enjoyable time was had. Wishes for the happy and prosperous future of this excellent young couple as well as many appropriate presents were given. Mr. and Mrs. Timm will farm near Murdock where they have so many friends.

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Mrs. George Vanderberg, who was formerly Miss Alice Sanford, was born in North Broadalbin, N. Y., where she and Uncle George Vanderberg were married some sixty years ago.

They first lived on the farm of Henry Richmann, where Ferdinand Reichman now lives before they went to the home where she now resides.

Forty Happy Years. For forty happy busy years Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gustin of near Murdock, have lived together, each doing their part to make the home a place which is a delight in which to live and at the same time doing their full quota in the making of this, one of the very best countries in the west of the best nation on earth.

The many friends, of which there are a large number, who were present, extended to this couple the wish that the day ahead of them may be filled with good friends, good health, happiness and prosperity, and an opportunity to express in action their good wishes for the friends who with them had worked to make this a place well worth the living in. Mr. Gustin, for a number of years, resided in Plattsmouth.

Home from Visit. Mrs. L. Netzel, who has been visiting at Michigan, Indiana and Kansas for the past three weeks, where she enjoyed the visits with relatives very much, returned home on last week, and was well pleased to be home again.

Complete Their Contract. Mathew Thimgan and his son, Victor, who have been constructing a school house at Central City for the past summer, returned home last week having completed their work and immediately Victor went to the country where he is building a crib for Henry C. Backemeyer, and Mathew is installing the new scales at the Farmer's Elevator company.

"Happy" Robinson Dies. "Happy" Robinson, who we do not know his other name, but we can say was rightly named "Happy" by nature and a worker who has endeavored to do his portion of the work allotted to man, expired on last Monday at a hospital at Manhattan, Kansas, where he was taken for treatment.

The telegram telling of his passing came on last Tuesday to the parents of Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bowers, of Murdock, telling of the demise of their son, who immediately departed for Manhattan, to be with their daughter, Mrs. Robinson and to render what assistance and comfort in this hour of intense grief and suffering. No particulars were given of the cause of the death, or why the gentleman was taken to the hospital, but it was known that some time since he was injured while engaged as a switchman on the railroad and from which it is feared by his friends he had not entirely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Twiss of Louisville, Mrs. Twiss being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers. A more complete account of the life and cause of demise of Mr. Robinson will be given in the coming weeks issue.

The travelers which are composed of Carl Bornemeier, Walter Stroy, and Miss Mithily Pappo, who have been visiting at the home of the parents of the latter at Eunist, for the past ten days, where all have been enjoyed an excellent outing, arrived home on last Sunday and are loud in their praise of the excellent time which they had while in the west.

Cherries in Bloom. Mrs. Jess Landholm was down town on last Wednesday and had with her a crate of cherries which grows in their yard in Murdock.

## HOLD FINE MEETING

From Saturday's Daily—Central P. T. A. held its regular October meeting in the high school on Thursday evening with some forty parents and teachers present, but it is hoped to increase the attendance three times at least.

Song period was led by Miss Lindsay with Mrs. Leotis at the piano and the regular business session followed. Reports of the supervised summer playground by Mrs. Barkus and the summer round up by Mrs. Dovey revealed that neither of these phases of P. T. A. work had been as much appreciated as their importance and value to the children would warrant, but we realize such activities are still in their infancy in Plattsmouth.

The resignation of Mrs. Knorr as vice president was accepted and Miss Martens elected to fill the vacancy so that the officers for the year are as follows:

President—H. L. Thomas.  
First Vice President—Miss A. Martens.  
Second Vice President—Mrs. C. L. Carlson.

Secretary—Mrs. Henry McMaken  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. P. Lahr.  
Treasurer—Mrs. W. G. Kleck.

It was voted to hold all but one meeting each semester in the high school beginning at 7:30. Largest per cent of attendance of parents by rooms would be recognized again in some manner not yet decided. The president appointed Mrs. Hayes a chairman of the membership committee for the year.

The meeting was then put in care of Mrs. Lightbody who had charge of the program. Miss Lindsay favored those present with two pleasing vocal numbers, accompanied by Miss Morgan. Mrs. Wescott's talk, much from her own experience, on "Who is Your Child's Keeper," challenged the thoughts of all for we need this exchange of ideas on vital questions today. Mrs. Kleck on "Safety in the Home" reminded us of many careless things of which we are all guilty in our homes.

"How Safe is Our School?" Mrs. Martens stirred us to think of our left in a material way for the best equipment for our children today. Every safeguard possible seems to have been made for safety but there is still lack that will require bigger efforts to overcome.

"Community Safety" by Mr. Plack was given along the line of preventing accidents outside the home. Time being late only a few questions were discussed in open forum.

Mrs. Lightbody reviewed the October bulletin.

A social half hour was spent in the refreshment room where parents of first war and C class central were given with a dance at the M. W. A. hall October 20, 1927, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. The hall was decorated with flowers and color of ruby by some of their friends which added greatly to the appearance of the room for the party.

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## Shows Cow Testing Pays Large Profits

Maxwell Reports Increase of 1,455 Pounds of Milk Per Cow Per Year.

Four years of cow testing and weeding out of unproductive cows among 587 animals in 22 herds of the Douglas county cow testing association has resulted in an average increase in milk production per cow of 1,455 pounds a year and in butterfat production of 36.1 pounds, according to the annual report summarized by County Agent Earl G. Maxwell.

The highest average for any herd during the year was 356.4 pounds butterfat and 10,380 pounds of milk by cows owned by Epperle brothers South Side station, Omaha. Jens Jensen of Benson station owns the high butterfat producing cow for the year which yielded 31,414 pounds of milk and 506.1 pounds butterfat.

The highest milk record of 13,791 pounds and 455.4 pounds butterfat was made by a Holstein owned by H. C. Holling of Millard.

Since 1923 the number of cows in herds of association members producing more than three hundred pounds of butterfat has increased from 74 to 157, those producing more than four hundred pounds from 5 to 19, and those producing more than 10 thousand pounds milk from 28 to 86.

Average production of milk of all cows owned by members this year was 8,465 pounds butterfat, 299.4 value of product, \$182.96, average feed cost \$97.10. Returns per dollar spent on feed for the 10 highest producing cows was \$2.69, and for the 10 lowest producing cows, \$1.29.

Results of four years' cow testing, weeding out unproductive individuals, using more balanced rations and using better sires is indicated, says Mr. Maxwell, in records of two members. The herd of Charles Rosacker of Station B which in 1925 produced an average of 7,855 pounds milk and 260 pounds butterfat, this year produced 9,637 pounds milk and 324.6 pounds butterfat. The herd of O. M. Boettger, Florence, in 1925, produced 6,885 pounds milk and 238.4 pounds butterfat and this year 8,148 pounds milk and 288.5 pounds butterfat.

At the year 1926 cows in the association were discarded as unprofitable. Regular butterfat tests of milk are made, the milk is weighed and other careful records kept on each cow. Ervin L. Stevens is tester in charge of the association.

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## Weeds Cause of Big Market Loss

Spring Wheat Growers in Northern States Pay Additional \$2,500,000 for Transportation.

Washington—Spring wheat growers in Minnesota, Montana, and the Dakotas are estimated by the department of agriculture to have suffered an avoidable market loss of \$2,000,000 in the last four years and to have paid an additional \$2,500,000 for the privilege.

The \$2,500,000 represents freight charges they paid railroads for hauling wheat seeds with their grain, and the \$2,000,000 is the estimated loss forced on them because their wheat was not clean.

For the four-year period the reduction in sale price averaged 1.8 cents per bushel on wheat that contained weed seeds and stems, chaff, straw, grain other than wheat, and various foreign materials known as "dockage."

In round figures, the market loss added to the cost of weed seed transportation and the value of dockage would have had as a farm feed amounts to \$38,000,000. It would have cost approximately \$13,000,000 to clean the wheat on the farms but by so doing the growers would have realized a profit of \$25,000,000.

Of the 1926 crop delivered to country elevators in the spring wheat areas of the four states, the grain contained an average of 7 per cent dockage. Flax seed from the same states contained an average of 16 per cent dockage. From 1923 to 1926 the dockage delivered by farmers to country elevators in the spring wheat region amounted to approximately \$60,000,000 annually.

The amount of dockage found in grain has, in general, been increasing steadily. Government charts show the average dockage in spring wheat, including durum, received at Minnesota's terminals, has increased during each succeeding five-year period.

Increases are attributed principally to the fact that most weed seeds will remain in the soil in a viable condition for several years and will germinate and grow into plants whenever they are brought near the surface thru plowing or other cultivation.

One square foot of North Dakota soil, five inches deep, taken from a field that had been cropped to wheat continuously for fifteen years, was found by actual count to contain 4,211 weed seeds equivalent to 132,000,000 weed seeds per acre. Wheat is sown at the rate of slightly less than 1,000,000 kernels per acre.

During the five years from 1922 to 1926, the average annual production of dockage in North Dakota has been nearly as much as the production of corn, and about two-thirds as much as the production of barley; whereas the farm value of the dockage crop, known as "screenings," when fed to livestock, amounted to slightly more than \$5,000,000—less than half the value of the barley crop.

MEDICAL OFFICIALS SPEAK. The care of the sick and wounded was discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln district unit of the reserve officers' association at Nebraska hall Wednesday night. Col. Carl Johnson of the medical reserve corps, and Col. George A. Skinner surgeon of the Seventh corps area were the speakers.

Colonel Johnson took as his topic "Evacuation of the Wounded," and he traced the injured from the field to his arrival at the hospital center. Colonel Skinner was in charge of the largest hospital center in the American expeditionary force during the war, and he told the manner in which such a large institution is operated. His talk was illustrated with stereopticon views. A business session preceded the talks by the officers.

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