

Alvo Department

Mr. B. I. Sipes, coming from the Colorado division of the Rock Island, is supplying in the place of Mrs. Moore at the Rock Island office during the time she is away on account of the death of Mr. Moore.

John B. Skinner has been making some improvements at his home recently and as one of the important factors has been installing water and sewage disposal being taken up by a cess pool, which he has recently dug and connected.

Pythian Sisters Meet

The Pythian Sisters, of Alvo, were enjoying a very pleasant meeting last Thursday evening, when they were joined at their meeting by the grand chief of this district, and with a varied program which was both instructive and entertaining, they had an evening in which they enjoyed the time nicely. They of course did not forget to have some very fine eats for the occasion.

Missionary Society Meets

The Missionary society of the Methodist church of Alvo were holding a very pleasant meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Curyea, where they were entertained most pleasantly and where the ladies also did good work for the church.

4-H Achievement Program

Parents and friends of the members of the Sunshine Canning club, of Alvo, gathered at the Art Skinner home Saturday evening, November 16, to attend the program of the club. The many ribbons won at the fairs adorned the walls. 4-H club songs were sung. Each member responded in an impromptu speech, as follows:

"How I Canned Squab," by Genevieve Dougherty.

Secretary's report, by Clara Rueter.

"Opportunity," by Marvel Skinner.

"How Club Work Helped Me," by Rosebeth Clark.

"The 4-H Way to Can Tomatoes," by Edith Robertson.

"Club Benefits," by Mrs. Art Skinner.

"Making 4-H Club Ideals Mine," by Irene Rueter.

Reading, "Somebody's Mother," by Lucille Christenson.

"4-H Club Progress and Goals," by Miss Jessie Baldwin.

"The Present and the Future," by Mrs. Orville Robertson.

In giving the leader's summary, Miss Christenson stated that the members had canned 1,270 quarts of foods at a cost of \$149.64, the market value totaling \$690.55. 167 jars were sold at the canned foods sale held in Alvo in October.

In ranking the members Miss Christenson placed Marvel Skinner, first; Edith Robertson, second and Irene Rueter, third. All the members completed all the requirements of the project. All shared in the cash winnings in state and county competition.

Miss Baldwin briefly summarized the Cass county Boys' and Girls' club by stating 90 per cent of those enrolled completed their project. At the fairs they received more than \$2,000 on their calves and pigs. The Ak-Sar-Ben returns when available, would swell that amount considerably. The goal for 1928 is 500 members of 4-H clubs in Cass county.

In closing, she said: "It takes the united efforts of wide awake local leaders and co-operative parents to put a good club across." She announced a leaders' conference to be held in Weeping Water in January.

Miss Christenson distributed the cash prizes among the members. To Marvel she presented the silver game set which she won on canned meats at the state fair. Edith was given the silver meat platter. She won first both years on her canned meats at the state fair, the only girl in Nebraska holding that honor. Two jars of her meats were selected for Nebraska's entry at the club congress in Chicago in December.

The local leader gave each one a silver souvenir spoon as a farewell gift to each of her little friends. Mrs. Orville Robertson, the assistant local leader, gave each a box of stationery, to be used as a retaining link in the circle for two of the members have moved beyond the Alvo community, making a distance of some 25 miles apart for some.

Miss Baldwin presented the members with their Achievement certificates, and also one to Miss Christenson, for she has completed all the first year requirements, so has been a member as well as a leader. Miss Christenson also received her Certificate of Appreciation from the Extension Service in recognition of her efficient and loyal leadership. The second gold seal was placed upon the charter. The members signed it.

4-H songs and games were indulged in until Mrs. Art Skinner, assisted by Mrs. Frank Dougherty and Maryalice Robertson served sandwiches, pickles, fruit salad, cakes and coffee to the guests.

The girls plan to enroll in another 4-H project with Miss Christenson as local leader, as soon as Miss Christenson's mother recovers from her recent illness.

NEWS REPORTER.

Bad Flood in Kansas Follows a Heavy Rain

Ottawa and Eldorado in Danger of an Overflow—Two Deaths as Result of Storm

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.—Heavy rains over most of Kansas and Missouri last night and today resulted in the death of two persons, caused delay in railroad service, the flooding of parts of three cities and the overflow of Kansas and Missouri rivers. Reports from scattered points in the two states showed from one inch to more than seven inches of rain had fallen between early last night and 3 o'clock this afternoon. Eldorado, Kas., reported 7.32 inches precipitation, the highest in the two states.

Ottawa, Kas., tonight was preparing for one of the worst floods in its history as the Marais des Cygnes river rose above the flood level. At 6 o'clock tonight the river had reached the 27-foot mark and was rising at the rate of a foot an hour. A total of 6.6 inches of rain had fallen in the vicinity of Ottawa since last night and the precipitation continued tonight. The Ottawa weather bureau reported this to be the heaviest rain ever recorded there. It was feared that the river would reach the 32-foot stage by morning. Warnings were sent to residents in the low districts. Approximately fifty families had moved to higher ground tonight.

Eldorado, Kas., tonight prepared for the worst flood in its history following a nine-inch downpour. Transportation facilities were crippled, the north section of the town flooded, the city sewage system stopped up and lowland families were fleeing from their homes. Early tonight the Eldorado weather bureau reported there were no signs of abatement in rainfall.

The Missouri Pacific main line east of Eldorado washed out and trains were detouring. All highways out of the city were impassable and many telephone and telegraph wires were down.—State Journal.

DOES-ELKS CARD PARTY

From Saturday's Daily—Last evening at the Elks Club was held the first of a series of open house card parties, which series will extend through the winter months and will be given once or twice a month. These parties are being given for the purpose of affording an opportunity for all those in the community who enjoy cards to meet in a social way and thus help to create a proper community spirit. One of the purposes of the Elks and Does is to serve as a sort of community center, and everyone interested in cards is urged to attend these community parties, without further invitation than newspaper notice. A door prize will be given at each of the parties, as well as prizes for the high scores of the evening. A record of the scores of each play will be kept for the entire series and at the end of the series grand prizes will be given to those holding the high scores.

The party given last evening was a most pleasing success, there being fourteen tables of bridge. Mrs. L. W. Egenberger won first ladies prize and Mrs. E. J. Richey second ladies prize. Douglas McCrary won first gentlemen's prize and Ed Fricke won second gentlemen's prize. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the games.

An organization was perfected and Mrs. L. W. Egenberger was elected secretary and Charles Bestor treasurer. The committee having charge of this first party consisted of Mrs. Frank Bestor, Mrs. J. F. Foltz, Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, Mrs. H. A. Schneider and Mrs. L. L. Turpin. Different committees will be in charge of each party. The next party will be given some time about the middle of December, and all are urged to watch for the newspaper notice of same and to be present.

Bates Book and Gift Shop is exclusive Dennison dealer in this vicinity. Nothing like the genuine Dennison goods and you can get them only at the one place.

Wife Slayer Ends Life with Poison Used in Crime

Ernest Witmer Fights When Doctor and Sheriff Seek to Aid Him; In Jail Two Weeks.

Neilgh, Neb., Nov. 16.—Ernest Witmer, young Brunswick farmer, who killed his wife last September 26, committed suicide in the county jail here last night, using a dose of the same poison he had administered to her.

He refused efforts of Sheriff J. A. Sutton and Dr. E. E. Curtis to save him and at first would not tell what the poison was, hence they were unable to administer an antidote.

When the doctor attempted to force the stomach pump down his throat, Witmer, even though then in the death convulsion, resisted his efforts.

Toward the end he told us that he had the poison with him ever since he left home," Sheriff Sutton said.

Thinks Hidden in Clothing. "I think he must have had it sewn in his clothing, or hidden in a shoe, because I gave him a thorough search, here, even refused to let his parents send in food to him for fear that poison might reach him some way. The officers at Norfolk also searched him thoroughly."

Witmer had gone to bed in his cell—he was kept apart from the three other prisoners—about 9:30 p. m. A quarter of an hour later his groans aroused them. At first they thought he might have taken some disinfectant which was left in the exercise room, but called the sheriff.

Help Is Refused. Sutton called Dr. Curtis and the two, with the help of the three prisoners, worked over the young slayer for nearly an hour.

"It's too late. It won't do any good now," he told the doctor when he arrived.

"What did you take?" the doctor demanded.

"Witmer wouldn't tell. The doctor repeated his question. "I don't know," was the reply. "A poison."

"What was it?"

"A white powder."

"Had it All the Time." "The same you gave Rose?"

"Yes, I guess that was it."

Dr. Curtis said it then was too late to do anything.

"Where did you get it?" the sheriff asked.

"I had it with me all the time," Witmer replied.

In the last few moments the doctor asked: "Do you want us to help you?"

"Yes!" Witmer replied. "Water!"

"Open your throat and let this pump down," the doctor commanded, but Witmer still refused and died.

Farewell to Mother. Witmer wrote three letters yesterday, which were found in his cell. One to his mother at Pender, one to a sister of his wife, Viola Dreger, at Norfolk, and a third, unsealed, to the sheriff.

"Please mail these two letters if I die," the last read. "Break the news to mother softly. P. S. Do not open the letters to read. Boys, go straight when you get out."

To his mother and Miss Dreger, whose suspicions started a search when he disappeared, he wrote: "By the time you get this letter I will be gone. Something told me to kill my wife. Someone is calling me every night. It must be Rose, and I am going to meet her."

Happy Six Months. "I lived happy for six months. Then my wife started to steal things and smoke cigars. She promised to quit if I quit drinking."

The sheriff mailed the letters.

Other prisoners reported that Witmer seemed unusually nervous and "jumpy" whenever visitors would call on him, and had told the sheriff that they thought he was going to make a "break" if possible. Sheriff Sutton doubted his watch over him and finding this avenue blocked, Witmer took the only way he had left to escape electrocution.

"I guarded all visitors myself," Sutton said.

He had been in the jail two weeks. The body is to be taken to Pender today for burial. No funeral date has been set.

DEATH OF MRS. HARRY KUHNEY

From Saturday's Daily—The message was received here this morning announcing the death at Lincoln of Mrs. Mary Kuhney at that city last evening following an illness of some duration. The deceased lady was the widow of Harry Kuhney, for many years a barber in this city and where the family made their home for a great many years and in this community the news of the death of Mrs. Kuhney will bring a great regret to the many old time friends.

Mrs. Kuhney is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Mayfield of Ashland, as well as several grandchildren. She has been preceded in death by the husband and one daughter, Mrs. Fred H. Speck.

The body of Mrs. Kuhney will be brought to this city and the services will be held at the First Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment be made here at the family plot in Oak Hill cemetery.

FOR SALE

Now is the time to get a home of your own. We have several good farms for sale on the crop payment plan. Also a good ranch, if sold at once. For further information write or see H. A. Hanke, Farmers Union Co-Op. Grain Co., Venango, Nebr. n1-9aw

LOCAL NEWS W. C. T. U.

Dr. Heineman, Dentist, Hotel Main Bldg., Phone 527.

From Thursday's Daily—C. S. Johnson of Tecumseh was here today to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business and then returning to his home at Tecumseh.

Mrs. Marie Hoffman of Havelock who has been here visiting with her father A. Matous and her sister, Mrs. George Tartsch, returned this morning on other business.

Mrs. Emma Ludwig of Lincoln, who has been here at the home of her brother, Rev. H. L. Grassmuck since the accident to the little son of the family, has returned to her home in the capital city.

Mrs. Gus Swanson and little son, Donald, of Long Beach, California, who have been here for the past six weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Swanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, departed yesterday afternoon for their home on the west coast.

From Friday's Daily—Bruce and Earl Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook of near Union were here today to look after some matters in the county court in which they were interested.

Attorney C. E. Tefft and Bert Jameson of Weeping Water were among the visitors in the city today where they were called to look after some matters of business.

C. F. Wheeler, city marshal of Louisville, and former resident here accompanied by Fred H. Cincinnati, of Louisville, were here today attending to some matters at the court house.

Mrs. Samuel Waugh, Sr., of Lincoln, is to arrive here this afternoon on a guest at the Henry Herold home and will remain here until after the funeral of the late Mrs. C. H. Parmele.

Frank Kuchen, in charge of the repair department of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. in this city, departed this morning for Lincoln to spend a short time at the general offices of the company and will also look after some repair work enroute home.

From Saturday's Daily—Dr. and Mrs. G. I. Taylor of Murray were here last evening to enjoy the American Legion carnival at this place.

Mrs. E. L. Trumble and children Junior and Mary Ann departed this morning for Eagle and Lincoln where they will visit with relatives over the week end.

County Treasurer John E. Turner was among the football fans defying the storm and driving to Lincoln to attend the Nebraska-Pittsburgh football game this afternoon.

Mrs. Nellie Agnew of Lincoln arrived last evening from her home at Lincoln to remain here with friends until after the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Calvin H. Parmele.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hoffines of Lincoln, who have been visiting here at the home of Mrs. W. T. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Goos, returned this morning to their home.

Ralph Gansemer, who is attending the Creighton university at Omaha came in last evening and after a short stay here continued on to his home west of Mynard, being met here by his father, H. F. Gansemer.

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Speaking before the fifty-fourth annual convention at Tremont temple here, Mrs. Deyo declared that the W. C. T. U.'s slogan of "dry planks and dry candidates" had been taken up by women's organizations, church bodies and state political conventions.

After outlining the plan whereby regional conferences were called to further the fight for the election of dry nominees, Mrs. Deyo said: "There was no attempt at coercion of the membership in the matter of political action. The fullest liberty and tolerance is given each individual member in her support of our principles. It is a matter of record that the rejection of Governor Smith and the support of Herbert Hoover was the unanimous verdict of our 10 thousand local unions, our thousands of country organizations and each of our 52 state W. C. T. U. organizations, acting independently of each other."

A gain of 6,352 paid-up members was reported by Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, national treasurer. Her report showed the total paid-up membership to be 401,497.

Cash receipts from the year were placed at \$231,561, with expenses \$231,160.—World-Herald.

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