

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

PREPARED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE JOURNAL.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Neitzel expect to spend Christmas with Dr. S. B. MacDiarmind and family at Omaha. Paul Stock and Elsie Kupke were visiting with friends in Lincoln on Friday of last week, they driving over to the big city in the car of Mr. Stock.

Stephen P. Lies has been looking

after the work at the Ward Filling station in Murdock, while Art has been humping at the work in the garage.

Fred H. Gorder and family were guests for the day on last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tool, where all enjoyed the occasion very pleasantly.

Miss Elsie Bornmeyer was a visitor in Omaha for the day on last Wednesday where she was visiting with friends and also doing some pre-Christmas shopping.

Miss Katherine Neitzel arrived home Thursday evening from Wood Lake, Nebraska, where she is teaching school, school having been also closed on account of the flu.

Henry Amgwert and the good wife will spend the Christmas day and eat the Christmas dinner at the home of the parents of Mrs. Amgwert, the Rev. and Mrs. C. Jannen of Lincoln.

M. G. Keedy and family of Elmwood will be the guests for Christmas day and the cheer which always accompanies this occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ward of Murdock.

Miss Elsie Kupke was looking after the work at the telephone exchange during the time that Misses Mary and Helen Bornmeyer were kept from their work by the influenza.

Miss Nellie Lau was for a number of days last week very seriously ill with the flu, but careful training and good medical attention brought the little one through the disease very nicely.

A. H. Ward and wife and Mrs. W. O. Gillespie were over to Lincoln on last Thursday, they driving over to see about the purchase of some things at the Christmas headquarters at the Capitol City.

Messrs. Paul Stock and Louis Schmidt have purchased themselves a new Marcellus sheller and a Case power plant, and are prepared to look after the wants of all who are in need of corn shelling.

Miss Eleanor Hurting is leaving Thursday for Kansas City, Missouri, for a Christmas visit with her mother. She will also act as bridesmaid to her sister's wedding, which occurs on Dec. 26th.

Miss Viola Everett who was for over a week in the clutches of the influenza has so far recovered that she is able to be back to her post of duty in the Murdock mercantile store and assisting in the work.

J. H. Buck and the family were enjoying a trip to Lincoln on last Wednesday, they driving over in their car for the occasion, and visiting friends while there as well as looking after some business matters.

Richard Tool who is employed in a banking house at Kingsley, Iowa, will spend his Christmas with the folks at Murdock, but Kenneth and wife will spend their holidays at Bridgeport where the parents of Mrs. Tool reside.

Walter Stroy who has been employed with the Rock-Island road had the misfortune to get one of his fingers under a rail and have the same badly mashed, which has made this gentleman take an enforced lay-off since that time.

The Christmas season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool will be gladdened by the presence of the family of George Work of Kansas City and by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyer of Sioux City, who will spend the holidays with the home folks.

Mrs. W. O. Gillespie accompanied by Miss Viola Everett were over to Fairmont for ever Sunday and will remain for the Christmas day, where they will spend the occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNamara the former being a brother of Mrs. Gillespie.

Miss Martha Theil will soon depart to complete her training as a nurse, and will expect to engage in this avocation. Miss Theil has had much valuable training in this line of work, and is especially adapted to the work and we are certain will make an excellent nurse.

Last Saturday night at the hall of the Modern Woodmen of America the members of the Royal Neighbors, and sure they are a royal set at that, was given a pre-Christmas party with an excellent program and one of the very best of time for all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. The members of the Modern Woodmen were the special guests of the ladies in their splendid evening.

Our Many Friends:—

We count our greatest asset and more than money can buy. We appreciate your kindness and extend to you all our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a most

Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A. H. Jacobson - Theo Carnes
George Utt

MURDOCK --- NEBRASKA

In Wishing a—

A Merry Christmas

I am also wishing you one which is substantial and permanent. We are extending to all our friends the wish for—

A Happy Home

filled with Health, Happiness, Prosperity and with Friends which last beyond the years.

H. W. Tool Lumber Lumpany
Murdock, Nebr.

A Merry Christmas

and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to You All

is the wish of

U. S. Oil Works, Inc.
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-Holiday Greetings!-

To the friends who during the past year have contributed in any way to the success of our business, and the pleasure of living in this community we are extending our very Best Wishes.

May the future be filled with Happiness, Good Health and an abounding Prosperity is our wish.

We know that lasting friends, good health and prosperity that endures come from right principles of living and fair dealings in business.

Our aim shall be to extend the best service, to contribute happiness and substantial welfare during the year to come.

The Golden Rod Creamery

Extends to all Its Patrons the Wish for a Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

Mrs. Henry Heinemann
Manager

To My Many Friends:—

I am wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I appreciate your friendship and want you all to prosper. Thanks and good wishes for '29.

A. H. Ward Station and Garage
Murdock, Nebraska

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Bank of Murdock

Mrs. L. Heitzel, of Hitchcock, South Dakota, and a sister of Henry Heinemann in company of Fred Kuestenmeyer and wife of the same place the latter going to Elmwood where they are visiting at the home of Wm. Wilkin. Mrs. Keatzel is spending the time with her brother and wife, while Mr. and Mrs. Kuestermayer and their daughter, Viola, and son LaRoy, are spending the time in Elmwood.

John Eppings who has been sick for more than three weeks at his home in Murdock, was though some better last week, but as yet had not been allowed to go out of the house. For seventeen days he was kept to his bed and it was feared that his condition was indeed very critical. Every thing has been done possible for his recovery and it is thought at this time that he is on the highway to recovery which will of course be slow but as it is permanent all are encouraged.

Wm. Neilson Passes Away.
On last Tuesday evening on the very place where he was born some fifty-five years ago Wm. Neilson well known to all the people of the vicinity of Murdock passed away after having sustained a stroke of paralysis which he had on last Friday evening. Mr. Neilson had been in poor health for the past two years and was so poorly that he could not work. Mr. Neilson was born and grew to manhood on the place where he died. He leaves one sister who is in a hospital at Lincoln and a cousin, Mr. Neis Peterson who made his home on the farm with Mr. Neilson. The funeral was held from the home where Mr. Neilson has resided for more than a half century the services being conducted by the Rev. Knop and the interment made in the Wabash cemetery where other members of the family now rest.

Were Married at Elmwood.
On last Thursday at the Saint Mary's Catholic church of Elmwood, was said the words which bound the lives and fortunes as well as the loves of Albert Theil and Miss Mary Tower, the latter having her home at Council Bluffs, Iowa. A large number of the friends of each of the contracting parties were present to witness the celebration of the rites which made this two man and wife. Following the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was given the young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heir, Mrs. Heir and the bride being sisters. The newly married couple who are most popular in this community will make their home on the farm of Albert Theil, sr. just west of Murdock, and the father of the groom will make his home with the newly wedded couple.

Hold Christmas Party.
A mid-winter and Yuletide celebration was held on last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tool, when with their friends they celebrated the approach of the glad season of the year, Christmas. A large number of the friends were in attendance and the evening was made merry with an appropriate program of music, social conversation and games which were appropriate to the season.

Mrs. Dr. L. D. Lee Very Sick.
Mrs. Dr. Lee has been quite ill with an attack of the flu, which has kept this excellent woman in her bed for a number of days. Mrs. Ivan Schupe of Lincoln, a niece, and Mrs. M. G. Palling, a sister-in-law of Greenwood, were over assisting in her care for a number of days. Mrs. Lee is at this time feeling quite a bit better.

The Oysters Next Week.
Last week the sharpshooters of Murdock gathered together and had the first of their series of shoots, which not only incorporated the question of who was the better shot, but also as to who was the better cook when it comes to preparing the oysters for the feed which comes this week. The detailed shooting score are: The winning side has the following score: O. E. McDonald, 12; Jess Brackhake, 2; Gus Stock, 8; Martin Straich, 14; Lacey McDouals, 13; Max Walker, 10; Lester Thimgan, 14; Jess Stock, 12; J. Johnson, 11; and W. O. Schewe, 17, making a total of 125.

While the losing side had as their personnel and score: H. W. Tool, 19; E. W. Thimgan, 15; Harry Stock, 8; Floyd Brackhage, 9; Wm. Stock, 2; Henry A. Guthmann, 9; Henry A. Tool, 4; John Gakemeyer, 12; A. J. Tool, 6; Ezra Neben, 11; Emil Kuehn, 7; making a total of 102. They will shoot again a couple of times during the holidays.

Only a few more days till Christmas so do your shopping now at Bates Gift Shop. Advertise in the Journal!

INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Havelock—\$75,000 airport will be established mile west of here.

Wayne—New Stratton Hotel will be opened here shortly.

Falls City—2 new county highways Nos. 26 and 30 established by county.

Decatur—Plans discussed for rushing construction of bridge across Missouri river at this place.

Tekamah—Improvements made to Farmers Union store.

Blair—Advance Cleaners opens new cleaning plant.

Blair—New Abraham Lincoln Memorial bridge being constructed across Missouri river here.

Republican City—Alma Cooperative Oil Co. inspecting sites for establishing branch here.

Republican City—Highway thru this town will be graveled.

Leigh—Several scars livestock shipped from here during recent week.

Odell—Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. repairing toll lines between here and Wymore.

Beatrice—Nearly \$1,000,000 spent here in building projects during last season.

Omaha—Bids opened for lighting proposed new airway from this city to Lexington.

Johnson—Bell Telephone Company repairing lines in this locality.

Edison—Election will be held here December 17 to vote on city water proposition.

Lewellen—This town receiving 24-hour electric light service for first time.

Paxton—Excavation work on main canal of Paxton Irrigation District progressing rapidly.

Falls City—Office and showroom of E. J. Morehead garage repainted.

Schuyler—Village board purchases turbine water pump.

Napanoo—Plans under way for erection of hall or auditorium here.

Scribner—Corn harvesting nearing completion in this vicinity.

Odell—City streets graveled.

Auburn—Cornerstone laid for new Masonic Temple here.

Madrid—Progress being made on construction of new M. E. church here.

Peru—New electric light plant here nearing completion.

Prosser—Central Power Co. will supply this place with electric service.

Omaha—Citizens of this place favor renewal of franchise for street railway company.

Douglas County votes bond issue for new county hospital and improvement of airport facilities.

Arcadia—Fund being raised here to build suitable community house and establish public park.

Unadilla—\$11,000 water bonds voted here.

Chappell—Local telephone system purchased by Platte Valley Telephone Co.

Beatrice—New concrete walk being laid around courthouse.

Lincoln—Soil conditions in all parts of state generally good.

Hastings—80,000 feet snow fences being built on D. L. D. highway near here.

Minature—Mail service established between the valley and Cheyenne over new cut-off of Union Pacific railroad.

Mitchell—Right of way being secured for road from here to Agato.

Odell—New Stanoscheck building completed.

Moorfield—Several carloads livestock shipped from here on recent day.

Fremont—New traffic lights installed on principal streets of city.

Hay Springs—Nebraska Wheat Pool recently organized at meeting of farmers here.

Norfolk—Horse radish factory with capacity of 10,000 bottles per month in operation here.

Alliance—Corn and small seed show recently held here.

Madison—934,000 shipment of black silver foxes recently made to Elmer Sooner Fox Ranch northwest of here.

Winter Wheat is Excellent

Bankers Report Heavy Rains Put Soil In Good Condition—Prices Are Higher

Nebraska's winter wheat crop is in excellent shape, the state and federal division of agricultural statistics declares in its mid-month report which is based on information received from bankers of the state. Much of the grain was planted late, but the heavy precipitation has left the soil in the best condition for several years, the report says, and most of the crop has reached its usual development for this time of the year.

Corn picking has been slower than a year ago, the report continues. Approximately 24 per cent of the state's crop of 212,701,000 bushels, or 51,000,000 bushels, is still in the field. Dundy county farmers are having difficulty in securing enough men to pick corn as fast as they want to handle it.

"Corn prices are reported as ranging from 67 cents to 82 cents a bushel as compared to 51 and 70 cents at this time a year ago," the report asserts. "This year's weighted prices is 74 cents. A year ago it was 65 cents."

"Alfalfa is reported to be scarce this year. The average alfalfa price is \$11.50 a ton as compared to \$9.22 last year. Wheat is selling at an average of 94 cents and a year ago the price was \$1.09 a bushel."

Cattle in the feed lots will be fed, according to present plans, for a period of 126 days, but 14 per cent of the feeder cattle received at feed lots since July 1 this year had gone back to markets by December 1, the bankers report.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Each year the Christmas season is ushered in by the singing of Christmas carols, and hymns, and we hear again the familiar and ever beautiful songs of Christmas which have been handed down through the centuries, sung in every tongue and by every nation.

An ancient and lovely custom is this singing of Christmas carols, in the streets of our towns and cities, in our homes and churches and schools. It harkens back to the days of old, when carols were sung in the streets by wails and minstrels, when the Yule log burned on the hearth, and holly and mistletoe gleamed among the Christmas candles.

A carol in its true meaning, is a song in which a religious theme is treated in a familiar and festive manner. A hymn is essentially devotional, so it is that many of our more familiar Christmas songs such as "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and others which we commonly designate as carols are not in the true sense Christmas carols but rather Christmas hymns.

We like to think that the first carol ever sung was by the angel

WISHING YOU A Very Merry Christmas

Thanking you for your friendly patronage during the past year—and hoping to serve you the coming year—also that it may be a year of unbounded prosperity for you.

Gratefully Yours
George W. Olson
South Fifth Street

chorus on the first Christmas eve nearly two thousand years ago, when "Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to men" was caroled over the fields of Bethlehem.

But it was not until the thirteenth century that we find the beginning of the true Christmas carol, and Italy is its birthplace. Here the friars tried to humanize the story of the gospel and composed songs about the birth of Christ which they sang around a crèche or tableau, depicting the surroundings of the holy manger.

The beginning of the eighteenth century makes the transition of the true carol to the more dignified, solemn Christmas hymn.

"While Shepherds watched their flocks by night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Adeste Fideles" belongs to this period. The nineteenth century brought the beautiful "Silent Night, Holy Night," also "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," written by our Phillips Brooks inspired by a Christmas eve in Bethlehem.

Thus the Christmas carols have lived through the centuries, and so, on Christmas eve, as the candles burn in our windows in remembrance of the Star of Bethlehem, and we hear many voices carolling these old familiar songs, let us rejoice that we are preserving ideals and traditions which will be forever the heritage of every Christian nation.

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