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## E. H. Spangler Named as Master Farmer of State

Prominent Resident of Community  
Just South of This City Paid  
High Honor at Lincoln



Lincoln, Jan. 7.—Among the twelve men to whom the solid gold Master Farmer medals are being awarded at the annual presentation dinner here today, is Mr. E. H. Spangler, of near Nymard.

This honor is conferred each year on a selected group of the state's outstanding farmers in a contest conducted by The Nebraska Farmer. Mr. Spangler was one of the men selected for this honor from a field of 225 candidates, almost all of whom were outstanding men in their communities. The Master Farmer movement was inaugurated several years ago, selections being based on a score card which includes the following five main points: 1—Operation and organization of farm, 250 points; 2—Business methods and ability, 250 points; 3—General farm appearance and upkeep, 90 points; 4—Home life, 200 points; 5—Citizenship, 150 points.

Members of the judging committee which made the final selections were George Jackson, secretary of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture; W. H. Brokaw, director of the Nebraska College of Agriculture Extension Service and Harold Hedges, professor of Rural Economics, Nebraska College of Agriculture.

About 50 of the most outstanding candidates were visited by representatives of The Nebraska Farmer last summer and fall, and much information concerning each of them was turned over to the judging committee.

The purpose of the Master Farmer movement is to give dignity to agriculture by honoring individuals and to furnish an inspiration and example to all persons engaged in farming by bringing to light the success that has been made by some farmers and ranchers.

The presentation program was presided over by Sam R. McKelvie, publisher of The Nebraska Farmer and member of the Federal Farm Board. Speakers in addition to the twelve Master Farmers were James C. Stone, vice chairman of the Federal Farm Board; Governor A. J. Weaver, of Nebraska; Mrs. E. S. Anderson, Dawson county, and E. P. Cromer, Scotts Bluff county, president of the Nebraska Master Farmers club. The program was broadcast over radio station WOV of Omaha.

A list of the 1929 Master Farmers follows: A. O. Buschow, Blue Hill; J. J. R. Claassen, Beatrice; Henry T. Frels, Hershey; James S. Gill, Tekamah; John Jacobson, Marquette; Fred Knobel, Odessa; Elmer F. Neill, Canad, John E. Patner, Rogerson, Colorado; W. Marshall Ross, Gibbon; E. H. Spangler, Nymard; Frank Walker, Waverly and Lloyd T. Winger, Brush, Colorado.

### SUFFERS FROM EYE TROUBLE

Miss Janet Bajcek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bajcek of this city, who has been teaching in the Lincoln city schools for the past two terms, is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha undergoing treatment for a severe case of eye trouble. Miss Bajcek has suffered for some time from this affliction and which has become such that one eye is very badly affected and the other eye is now threatening to become affected and making the patient very serious.

### A TOUCH OF WINTER

From Tuesday's Daily—This section of the west was shivering yesterday and this morning under a touch of real winter weather and which drove the mercury down to two below zero at the local weather registration office at the Burlington station.

The reports of the temperature from various sections of the city showed all the way from two to eight below, but the Burlington report is the one that is adopted by the weather bureau.

## PLEAD NOT GUILTY

From Monday's Daily—The two men, L. A. Decker and Fred McMullen of Nebraska City, who were arrested here on Saturday by Chief of Police Libershal and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young, were turned over to the county for trial and on Saturday afternoon were arraigned before Judge A. H. Duxbury. Complaint was filed against L. A. Decker, charging him with intoxication and possession of liquor and against McMullen charging him with driving a car while intoxicated and also possession. Decker entered a plea of not guilty on both counts filed against him by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, while McMullen pleaded guilty to the charge of possession but not guilty to that of driving a car while intoxicated. McMullen received a sentence of sixty days on the possession charge, while Decker was released on a \$200 bond.

## State Patrolmen Round Up Number of Local People

Improper Number Plates, Paper Tags and Other Irregularities—Several Cars Impounded.

Saturday was a busy time here for a number of the representatives of the state department of public works who visited this locality and rounded up some fourteen cases of violation of the state law covering automobile license plates.

The representatives of the state department swooped down on a number who were driving their cars and trucks with paper tags and also several garage dealers were checked up on the number of cars that were being driven under a dealer's license. There were some fourteen rounded up and several cars impounded until the owners proceed to get the proper plates and licenses on the cars that will permit them being released and turned over to the owners.

There have been a great many violations of this character reported and the officers are checking up to see that all the rules and regulations of the law are complied with by those who own or operate cars.

Relative to the auto license plates, the county officials allow a thirty-day grace period from the first of January, but it would behoove all car owners to have their proper license plates on by the first of February, as this will also be given the attention of the authorities.

## DID A SPLENDID WORK

The Associated Charities of this city who had charge of the relief work at the Christmas time as well as through the winter season, has carried out a splendid service to the community and on Christmas was able to handle forty-two baskets besides the large amount of toys that was donated by the Chamber of Commerce to the children of the community.

There was a fine response to the call for funds and supplies and the committee in charge feels very grateful to all those who gave articles or contributed money to the work of the charities.

There has been a nice amount added to the funds since Christmas and in fact a larger response was received after Christmas than before, Chairman W. G. Kieck states, and which can be used in various lines of the relief work.

The election of officers of the association will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and all interested are urged to be in attendance at the meeting which will be held at the office of County Attorney W. G. Kieck.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily—Late yesterday afternoon Mrs. Clarence Forbes was taken to Omaha to be placed in a hospital for treatment, she having suffered a great deal during the day and which made necessary her being taken to the hospital for treatment. Mrs. Forbes a short time ago was operated on for gall stones and it is thought that perhaps the present attack may be caused from complications that has followed the operation, but which has not been fully determined and the patient will be kept under observation and treatment to determine just what disposition to make of her case.

## WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily—George Stander, one of the prominent farmers of west of this city, was taken to the Clarkson hospital at Omaha Sunday where he will undergo an operation. Mr. Stander has been suffering for some time from gall bladder attacks and was taken by his physician, Dr. O. C. Hudson, to the hospital where he will be operated on today or Wednesday for the trouble. Mr. Stander is in the best of shape for the operation and it is anticipated that he will soon be able to show some real progress toward recovery.

## Large Number Pay Honor to Miss Lancaster

Service Held at Christian Church at  
Murray and Burial at the Mt.  
Pleasant Cemetery.

From Monday's Daily—The funeral of the late Miss Bertha Lancaster, who was so severely injured in the collision of the two cars, one in which she and her friend, May Watson, of Nebraska City, were riding, and the other driven by Harold Schreiner, of Unadilla, and who died the following day at the hospital in Omaha, was held at the Christian church in Murray Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Some time before the hour of the service friends of the deceased commenced to arrive and soon the church building was filled to overflowing, many being unable to gain admittance, so it was suggested the gentlemen vacate and allow the women the seats inside the building. Still there were more ladies than could get inside the church, a considerable number having to stand outside while the men took sheltered places that would protect them from the raw south wind. The lawn was pretty well packed and even the sidewalk leading to town was packed above the parking automobiles was crowded for blocks to the west.

The entire eastern portion of the church about the platform was filled with flowers from friends and the societies of the church and Bible school, in which Miss Bertha was a very sincere and active worker. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Hanson, who was to preach at another place for the day, but was able to make arrangements for postponing the service until afternoon in order to be present at the funeral at Murray in the morning.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster, are stricken with grief as are also the other members of the family and the entire service was held in a kindly way. Miss Bertha had become the friend of all who knew her, always striving to serve to the very best and with kindness which always made her a friend. Miss Bertha professed faith in her Master and united with the church last summer, receiving the ordinance of baptism, and was the secretary of the Bible school and very active in the work of the Young People's society. The profuse floral offerings attested the high esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. Interment was in the beautiful cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, where other members of the family sleep.

In her immediate family she leaves to mourn her departure, her sorrow-stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster; Mrs. Dan Hosner, a sister, and family; Miss Neva Lancaster, sister; David Lancaster, brother; Florence Lancaster, sister, and Raymond Lancaster, brother, with many other relatives, and the entire town of Murray as her friends, for she did not have a single enemy.

The loss of this splendid young lady from the community will be keenly felt by the members of her family, and especially by the parents to whom her kindly services meant so much. She was indeed the manager of the business, for she looked after the payment of the bills, drawing checks and did much of the selling and also the buying of goods for the store in Murray.

## INSURANCE COMPANY MEETS

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Co., was held on Saturday afternoon, at the Taylor school house, west of this city and a very fine attendance of the members was present to take part in the meeting and to hear the report of the officers. The company showed an income of \$2,709.82 for the year and with the amount of \$1,369 paid out on the losses which leaves above all expenses a balance of \$2,137.79.

The stockholders voted to re-elect all of the officers of the company for the coming year, they being: A. A. Wetenkamp, president; P. A. Hill, vice-president; Louis Friedrich, treasurer, and J. P. Falter, secretary. The directors of the company named for the year were all of the old directors and comprised August Wendt, Jr., E. P. Lutz, J. W. Tritsch, Louis Friedrich, Henry Horn, Philip Hill, A. J. Enselkemer, W. S. Wetenkamp, John Hrz, J. P. Falter, John Albert, Jr., A. A. Wetenkamp.

## RECOVERS STOLEN CAR

While at Omaha Saturday evening with a number of friends, Frank Krejci, local automobile dealer, had the startling experience of having his auto stolen and which was later recovered by police in the north portion of Omaha where it had been abandoned. The car was restored to Mr. Krejci and who is well pleased with the fact that it was not damaged, this car being the only one in his garage on which there was no insurance.

## HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—The Rotary club at their meeting today had a very fine program arranged and which was under the leadership of James G. Mauzy. The meeting was marked by a special address by Dr. S. Livingston, president of the club on the League of Nations, marking the tenth anniversary of the International movement for peace in which Rotary has had a large part.

Supervisor R. E. Bailey, of the city schools, gave a very fine talk along the line of the history and people of France that proved very interesting and made clear many of the points concerning the history of the people of the French nation.

George A. H. Duxbury, one of the newest members of Rotary, told of the purposes and aims of Rotary and which showed his understanding and appreciation of the organization that is striving for better individual and national understanding.

E. A. Wurd also gave a very interesting sketch of the educational fund movement in the Rotary and of the 800 clubs that now have a fund of this kind and in which the Plattsmouth club has a representation.

The two high school boys to be honorary members of the Rotary for the month were present, they being Robert Hartford and Franklin Wehrlein.

## Plattsmouth Loan & Building Assn. Meeting

Stockholders Re-Elect Directors and Officers Are Continued in Office for Year

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening the stockholders meeting of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association was held and the members of the association received the reports of the officers for the year as well as holding the election of the officers.

The directors re-elected were Tone Janda, Charles E. Martin and R. A. Bates and following this election the entire board of directors elected the present officers of the association for the coming year: C. A. Johnson, president; R. A. Bates, vice-president; E. P. Lutz, secretary, and F. T. Ramke, treasurer.

The report of the secretary, E. P. Lutz, showed the association to be in excellent shape, as the conservative policy of the association has been safeguarded in every way the stockholders, and to carry on the business of the association in a safe and sound manner.

## Social Workers of M. E. Church to Stage Play

Famous War Comedy to Be Staged  
Thursday and Friday, January  
30th and 31st

The Social Workers announces the presentation of the famous war comedy "Corporal Eagen" at the Paramele on Thursday and Friday, January 30th and 31st, 1930. The production is something entirely different in the matter of community entertainment. "Corporal Eagen" is staged by 200 local people and is not only a screaming comedy but it is a patriotic show as well.

It is a story of rookies life in which a Jew and an Irish soldier find themselves in all kinds of difficulties. A number of business men take part in a feature group, the Akward Squad, representing men who have been in the army only thirty days. Their antics are a scream. There is also a patriotic pageant displaying hundreds of flags. The men's soldier and sailor chorus sing all the old time army songs. A short minstrel is one of the big hits of the show.

"Corporal Eagen" is a spectacular play and is a production you can't afford to miss. It will be directed and coached by the Universal Producing Company. Watch for further particulars in regard to this soon.

## FIRE AT FRIEDRICH HOME

Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock the fire department was called to the home of Mrs. Martin Friedrich on North Eighth street where a small place on the roof of the structure was blazing up. The blaze was put out by the use of chemicals and aside from a small place on the roof which was burned the fire was first discovered by James Bajcek who was going to his home some four blocks up the hill from the Friedrich home and he saw the first blaze as it started on the shingles of the house and gave the alarm. Fortunately the sloping roof of the house protected that section where the fire was located from the high north wind or otherwise a very bad fire would have followed.

Call No. 6 with your order for job printing.

## Secure Drivers Licenses Now to Avoid Trouble

Those Who Already Have Licenses  
are Safe, but Severe Penalty  
for Those Who Have Not

Driving a car, truck or motorcycle without the proper driver's license, is to become a very serious menace to the party doing it, says County Attorney W. G. Kieck, and those who failed to secure their licenses last year when the law became operative, had better do so at once and avoid the fine costs and penalties that the law imposes on those who seek to evade the law.

The state department of public works is making a close check on the drivers over the state in regard to this license law and will take all the steps necessary to see that the law is complied with as a matter of making it a very serious safety in driving on the highways of the state.

In the year 1929 the county treasurer licensed some 6,735 drivers of the county, but it is estimated that there are a large number who drive motor vehicles that failed to comply with the law, the estimate being that there would be an average of ten drivers to every car registered and which should place the number of licenses at 8,000 in the county, as Mr. Turner believes.

The cost of the driver's license is but seventy-five cents, while the penalty for not having one and being caught operating a car or truck, is a fine of from \$1 to \$100 and imprisonment in the county jail for thirty days, as the court may deem proper, so it would behoove those who intend to operate a car to get busy and secure the necessary license.

A general drive on the auto drivers of this section will be launched by the state at any time and should find the owners and drivers all properly prepared with the necessary licenses.

Those who secured licenses last year need not make application this year as the licenses are continuous, but those who did not apply must do so now and pass the required examination to obtain the license.

## DEATH OF PETER A. SARPY

One of the long time residents of the city in conversation with a representative of the Journal, stated that the death of Peter A. Sarpy, one of the earliest settlers in the middle west and a trader here with the Indians in the late thirties and forties. The death of Peter A. Sarpy occurred on January 5, 1865, he at that time living in a residence near the present Third and Grand streets, having moved here from his earlier residence at St. Mary's and Bellevue. He conducted a store near where the present ice plant of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. is located, and also a mill which was operated near where the present shops of the Burlington Refrigerator shops are located.

It is related that the aged trapper and trader, who had been ill for some time arose a few days prior to January 5th and had gone to the hill near his house and took a last look at the Missouri river, then flowing a few blocks away, at that time there being a continuous bluff where Third street now runs. On his return home he informed his housekeeper, Mrs. Finney, that his days were few and this prophecy proved correct, he passing away a few days later.

Peter A. Sarpy was buried here and the body remained until the spring of 1866 when it was taken by steambot to St. Louis, where it was re-interred and still is buried, the Sarpy family having been among the early French settlers in St. Louis and vicinity.

## A GOOD CITIZEN

Hans Sievers, custodian at the court house, who has long been one of our highly esteemed and respected citizens, is today celebrating his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary and has stood in splendid shape the inroads of time. Mr. Sievers was born on January 6, 1865, in Germany, and forty-five years ago came to the United States and located at Plattsmouth, spending the remaining years here, and where his family was reared.

The many friends will join in wishing Mr. Sievers many more such happy anniversaries and that he may continue his activities through the coming years.

## BRING IN WANTED MAN

Floyd Blevens, who has been wanted for some time in connection with an alleged forgery, claimed to have been committed while he was a resident of Greenwood, was brought in Saturday afternoon by Pat Reed from Shenandoah, Iowa, where he has been for a short time. The young man is charged with having forged the name of Travis Cameron on a check for \$15 which was cashed by Blevens at the Birdsall restaurant at Greenwood and later proved to be a forged check.

## SUFFERS A SEVERE LOSS

Frank Gradoville, athletic coach in the Schuyler schools, who was here over the Christmas vacation and returned home last week, has suffered a real misfortune and which was not revealed until a few days ago to the relatives in this city. Mr. Gradoville had stopped in Omaha while en route to Schuyler and left his car standing for a few moments on one of the streets at Omaha while he ran in to deliver a present to a friend. He had, however, left the key in his car and as he returned the car was missing and losing with it a good part of his wardrobe, three suits of clothes and ten shirts that he was taking to Schuyler.

One special distressing feature of the affair was that the car was not insured and Mr. Gradoville had just recently purchased it, turning in his old car and paying the difference in cash for the new gas wagon and which means a loss of several hundred dollars.

## Woman's Club Enjoys a Very Fine Meeting

Evening Program Has Books and  
Good Reading as the Topic—  
Much Business Handled

From Tuesday's Daily—The regular meeting of the Plattsmouth Woman's club was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Oscar Gopen and with Mrs. Oscar Sandin as the associate hostess of the evening.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, club president and a great deal of the time of the business session was occupied in hearing the reports of the finance committee of which Mrs. Frank Mullen is the chairman, this committee having sponsored the motion picture, "Evangeline," as well as the home talent play, "Sixty Miles an Hour." The proceeds of the shows was devoted to the scholarship loan fund of the club.

The members of the club gave Mrs. Mullen and Mrs. W. H. Woolcott a rising vote of thanks for their work in handling the two projects. It was voted to have a ten cent offering from each member at the meetings in the future in order to aid the educational fund of the club.

Mrs. Fred Lusch reported on the Christmas relief work that had been carried out and the great good that had been accomplished in this line. The program was then turned over to Miss Olive Jones, librarian, who gave a very fine paper, "Reading With a Purpose" and which covered the field of the work for their part of the home and for the individual.

In the entertaining features of the evening Cecil and James Comstock were heard in a very pleasing piano duet while James also gave a fine trumpet solo with Cecil playing the accompaniment.

The club had as a guest of the evening, Miss Gertrude Johnson, a house guest of Miss Jessie Robertson.

At the close of the evening the hostesses assisted by Miss Helene Gopen served a very tasty and delicious refreshment that were very much enjoyed by all of the members of the club.

## WANDERER RETURNS

From Tuesday's Daily—Some time ago Sheriff Bert Reed had as a guest at his jail, an aged man whose memory as to his home or occupation seemed to be badly shattered, and the aged man remained here under the care of the genial sheriff until his mind cleared sufficiently to let it be known that he had at one time lived in Texas and further search revealed that his old home had been at Electa, Texas. The county supplied the transportation to take the old gentleman back to his home where he had two sons living, the sheriff bidding him what was thought to be a farewell. Last evening the man, Allan Crawford, arrived back in this city, and was again on the hands of the sheriff. It seems that when the old gentleman arrived at Electa that the two sons proceeded to buy him a ticket back to Nebraska instead of caring for him. The wanderer has recalled that he formerly lived at Auburn and to that place this morning Sheriff Bert Reed shipped him, and is now awaiting further developments.

## MARRIAGES PICK UP

The year 1929 was a very profitable one in the way of marriage licenses issued in the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury and for the year there were 116 licensed to wed while in 1928 the number securing the necessary passport to matrimony was only 108. This is the largest number that has applied here since the repeal of the ten day notice clause of the state law in 1925. Many local people were wedded at other points but the number of non-resident applicants has more than offset those who have gone to other places to be wedded.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

## Young Dentist Returns from a World Tour

Dr. George Schmidtman to Open  
Offices at Omaha After Trip  
to Foreign Climes

Dr. George Schmidtman, who has just recently returned from a trip around the world, was here Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman, preparatory to locating in Omaha where he is to open offices in the Aquella court building.

Leaving San Francisco last January, Dr. Schmidtman has been engaged as a dentist on one of the liners of the Dollar Line steamship company and has been on a world voyage, looking after the dental needs of the passengers and crew of the liner on which he was serving.

The boat left San Francisco last January and sailed for the Hawaiian Islands for a short stay and then on across the Pacific to Japan and the Philippines, with a stop at Manila and then to the Chinese ports of Hongkong and the Strait Settlements, going then to the ports in Ceylon, India and through the Suez canal. The boat visited at the various ports along the Mediterranean sea and which gave the members of the party many fine sightseeing trips and many of which Dr. Schmidtman was able to enjoy. The ship then returned to the United States with stops along the east coast and along the northern part of South America and thence through the Panama canal to the west coast and home to San Francisco. On reaching the port at San Francisco, Dr. Schmidtman severed his connection with the service and returned home after some eleven months on the rolling deep. On reaching here in December, he decided to locate in Nebraska and secured offices in Omaha where he will follow his profession in the future.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. SEAGRAVE

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning the funeral services of the late Mrs. Margaret Seagrave were held at the St. John's Roman Catholic church in this city and attended by a large number of the old friends and neighbors. The requiem high mass of the church was celebrated by Father Neenan, pastor of the church. Following the services the body was borne to the Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the last long rest, six of the grandsons serving as pall bearers.

Margaret Vitty, was born February 16, 1859, in Staindrop, England, and was a daughter of John and Margaret Vitty and at the time of her death was the last of the family of fourteen children. The family home of the Vitty family was for many years at Newcastle, England. She was married to John Seagrave of Durham, England, and the family came to America in 1886 with five children to locate first in Manhattan, Canada, coming to Plattsmouth in 1888 and have since made their home here, the husband and father preceding her in death, January 4, 1919. To bless the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Seagrave twelve children were born, two, Mary Ann Bailey, passing away in 1911 and Jane Seagrave in 1903. She leaves ten living children, Mrs. Hannah Royer, Cherokee, Iowa; Mrs. Edna Seagrave, Omaha; Mrs. Rachel Busby, Omaha; Edward Seagrave, Council Bluffs; John W. Seagrave, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Des Moines; Mrs. Margaret Schmock, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Maxson, Fullerton, William and Joseph Seagraves, Omaha. There also survive thirty-three grand children and sixteen great grandchildren.

Since the death of the husband, Mrs. Seagrave and son, John, have made their home at the small farm south of the city.

## TRUCKING FROM IOWA

From Tuesday's Daily—Two truck loads of sheep were noticed here on the streets today, being en route from Iowa to the Omaha market and crossing over on the new bridge to reach the market. This bridge will be a great saver in distance to the farmers of southwestern Iowa and enable them to get their stock on the market without delay and the long trip through the city traffic of Omaha and Council Bluffs, the bridge cutting off practically forty miles for them in handling their stock through this city.

## LEAVE FOR CHICAGO

Mrs. Earl C. Wescott and son, Shirley, with Miss Louise Wescott, departed on Sunday evening for Chicago where Mrs. Wescott and son will join Mr. Wescott in their new home at that place while Miss Wescott will resume her work as secretary at the Garrett institute in the windy city. Pat Reed has spent the past several months here with his uncles and aunts while Mrs. Wescott has been here for several weeks. Miss Alice Louise was here over the Christmas holidays with the home folks.