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## Santa Claus Pays Visit to Greet Citizens

### Crowd of Two Thousand Children and Grownups Join in Welcome to Jolly Santa

From Wednesday's Daily  
Santa Claus, from the frozen wastes of the northland received a warm and hearty welcome this morning from an audience of some two thousand, the older members of the crowd being as enthusiastic as the little folks in greeting the Santa Claus party as they arrived at 10:30.  
This year the appearance of Santa was far more spectacular than in past years, he bringing with him, teams of the Alaskan dogs, his traveling igloo, one of the favorite reindeers and an escort of friends, headed by Mr. Hammond, the explorer, who was in charge of the arrangements for the event.

Preceding the approach of Santa, decorated autos with the Campfire girls, the buglers, Francis Libershal and Marvin Stritch, Scouts Robert Hall, Francis Stoll, Earl Lamberson, James Robertson and Bill Jensen led the van of the procession. The large corps of boys on gaily decorated bicycles, made a colorful touch to the parade. The members of the bicycle corps were:  
Wm. McMaken, Carl Hula, Donald Cotner, Edward Habraba, Ray Wooster, Richard Hatt, Fred Kniecke, Marion Taylor, David Taylor, Herbert Minor, John Rishel, Wm. Stark, John, Floyd McCarty, Aulton Rolland, Joe Hendrix, Don Bowman, Pete Lancaster, Henry Guy McMaken, Floyd Shankholt, Marvin Stapp, James Webb, Leo Welch.  
As Santa appeared in the rear of his igloo with the faithful reindeer by his side a great ovation was given by the young and old.

The reception to Santa and his party occurred on South Fourth street, near the court house and here the little folks were presented with treats and had the pleasure of meeting in person Santa. Later the dog races and lecture by Mr. Hammond assisted in the entertainment of the large crowd.

The work of the Boy Scouts in helping handle the crowd as well as that of Fire Chief O. Sandin and members of the department in helping direct traffic was a very fine contribution to the success of the event.  
There were large numbers here from the country districts and who were given the fullest opportunity of enjoying a visit with Santa.

## FUNERAL OF MISS VETERNEK

From Monday's Daily  
The funeral of the late Eleanor Vetronek was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the St. Wenceslaus church in Omaha, the requiem high mass being celebrated. There was a large number of the relatives and friends to attend the services at the church and accompanying the cortege to this city. The interment was held at the Catholic cemetery west of the city.

The death of this beloved young woman has brought a great sorrow to the relatives and the host of friends both in this city and Omaha. She is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vetronek, three sisters, Margaret, Lucille and Jean, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Novatney, and the following uncles and aunts of this city also survive, Mrs. Joseph Holly, Mrs. Joseph A. Libershal, John and Michael Vetronek, Mrs. Joseph Kvapil, Mrs. August Kopp.

## PASSES 64TH BIRTHDAY

J. H. McMaken, well known contractor and operator of the transfer line, observed the passing of his sixty-fourth anniversary Friday, having the distinction of having spent all of these years in this community where his parents were pioneer residents, his father, Henry C. McMaken having been a settler in territorial days in Plattsmouth and serving in the civil war as a member of the Second Nebraska. J. H. McMaken has been a hard worker for the community in many ways since his boyhood days and has had no small part in the upbuilding of the community. The many friends of "Joe" are trusting that he may enjoy many more anniversaries and be able to carry on his work as a Plattsmouth citizen and booster.

## ON THE SICK LIST

W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, has for the past few days been confined to his bed as the result of a very severe cold that has settled in the bronchial tubes, making it a very severe time for the superintendent. Raymond, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Evers, has also been on the sick list following a tonsil operation, but both Mr. Evers and son are reported much better today.

Select Christmas cards with individualistic charm that you can have printed as remembrances to the friends. Bates Book & Gift Shop has them in a large assortment.

## HAS LEG FRACTURED

Dorothy, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Halmes, residing in this city, Saturday had the left leg fractured between the ankle and knee. The little lady was riding a pony around the farm and the animal threw the girl off and with the result that when she alighted the leg was fractured. The victim of the accident, suffering and unnerved from the accident, was not sure that the fracture occurred at the time of the fall or that the pony had kicked her as she alighted on the ground. Medical aid was called from this city and the injured leg set and the patient made as comfortable as possible.

## Royal Arch Masons Install New Officers

### James M. Robertson, Past Grand High Priest Installing Officer for Nebraska Chapter No. 3

Nebraska chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons held their installation of officers at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building, Monday evening, December 14th. The installing officer was James M. Robertson, past grand high priest of the grand chapter of the R. A. M. of Nebraska. Luke L. Wiles, past high priest of Nebraska chapter, serving as marshal.

The officers installed were as follows:  
High Priest—William G. Kleck.  
King—Dr. P. T. Helmeau.  
Scribe—Harrison L. Gayer.  
Secretary—W. F. Evers.  
Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt.  
Captain of the Host—Lester Meisinger.  
Principal Sojourner—Ward Whalen.  
Royal Arch Captain—Anderson Lloyd.

Master 1st Veil—Robert Painter.  
Master 2nd Veil—Charles Carlson.  
Master 3rd Veil—J. A. Capwell.  
Sentinel—John E. Turner.

## DIES IN OREGON

From Monday's Daily  
The announcement has been received here by Mrs. D. C. Morgan, of the death on December 9th at Salem, Oregon, of Mrs. Schrack, one time resident of this city and brother-in-law of Mrs. Morgan. The deceased, who was sixty-two years old, was married in this city some thirty-three years ago to Miss Georgia Oliver, daughter of the late Mrs. Kate Oliver. Following the death of his wife Mr. Schrack moved to the west and located at Portland, Oregon, where he has since made his home. Mr. Schrack, who was the state printer of Oregon, was ill but a short time before his death. He is survived by his second wife, one son and two daughters, of the second marriage and one daughter, Miss Katherine Schrack, who after the death of her mother made her home with the relatives here and at Lincoln.

## DEPUTY HAS ROUGH TRIP

Deputy Sheriff Rex Young had an auto and water trip Sunday that he will long remember, motoring down southeast of Union to place some scarlet fever quarantine cards, after the drive over the roads which have been softened and roughened by the rains and travel, arrived at the port of embarkation. The places to be quarantined were located on an island in the Missouri river, to reach which it was necessary to make part of the journey by boat. The deputy sheriff has a deep feeling of sympathy for Washington crossing the Delaware or Eliza's escape over the floating ice, after this trip. However, the land-water expedition was completed, the cards placed and the deputy arrived back home to enjoy the warmth of home and a good meal after the trying experience.

## GRAVEL PROJECTS MUST WAIT

The grading projects in Cass and Otoe counties have all been completed. Herbert Schwaderer, highway engineer, announced at Nebraska City on Monday, the grading of the highway from Murray to Murdock will be held up until spring, the engineer thinks. The contract for the project has been let but it will be impossible to procure the gravel if the weather remains cold. The gravel is taken from the river or pit and dumped into the cars in a wet condition and will freeze if the weather is cold as it has been, thus making it difficult to transport and place on the highway.

## OMAHA PARTIES WEDDED

Sunday at the home of County Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the marriage of Miss Antoinette Lombardo and Tony Lanteri, both of Omaha, who were accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. William Lane, friends, who witnessed the wedding. Judge Duxbury had the pleasure of officiating at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lane and who had advised the bridal couple to come to this city to have their life's happiness consummated. Following the wedding, the bridal party returned to Omaha.

## Creamery Plant Here Shows Well for the Year

### Manager G. K. Hetrick Has Shown Much Improvement in Handling of Plant

The Plattsmouth Produce Co., operating factors of the local creamery plant, has shown a very nice increase in the last months and under the able management of G. K. Hetrick, has shown an increase in all lines of the business of the plant.

At the present time the greatest need is that of more butter fat and poultry at the plant as Manager Hetrick states that he can handle a great deal more.  
The officers of the creamery company have been re-elected for the year, they having given real service in the conduct of the affairs of the company since its establishment. The officers named were: W. F. Nolte, president; Henry F. Nolting, vice president; H. L. Gayer, secretary, and E. H. Spangier, treasurer.

The local creamery is deserving of every support that can be given it as one of the Cass county business establishments and which affords a good market for the produce of their stockholders and the general farming community as well.  
The plant is one of the most up-to-date in the state and is one that the community can well feel proud of possessing.

## HEAR FINE ADDRESS

The Rotary club Tuesday at their meeting had the pleasure of hearing a discussion of the ethics of the legal profession, given by Attorney W. A. Robertson, one of the leading members of the Cass county bar. Mr. Robertson covered very thoroughly the work of the lawyer at the bar, discussing the lawyer and his client, the lawyer and the court, lawyer and lawyer and the lawyer and the public. It was a very fine and much appreciated outline of the legal profession.

The club was delighted to receive the news that Dr. J. S. Livingston, past president of the club, has returned home from Omaha where he has been for several weeks at the Immanuel hospital, where he is receiving medical attention. Dr. Livingston being given special recognition by the club.  
F. I. Rea, past president of the club was the leader of the meeting and presented the speaker of the day as the guests of the club, there being several from out of the city present.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily  
Peter Meisinger, one of the highly esteemed and honored residents of this community, today was observing the eighty-fifth birthday anniversary and despite the weight of years was able to carry on his usual activities and feeling in very fine condition. Mr. Meisinger was most agreeably surprised when on Sunday his son, William Meisinger, and family, of near Springfield, came over to visit the father and mother, this being their custom to gather on the anniversaries of the father and mother each year. Mrs. Meisinger was seventy-nine last August and with Mr. Harmer is enjoying the declining years at the family home on North Ninth street.

The relatives Sunday had a fine family dinner, the son and family from Springfield being joined here by Baltz Meisinger, another son and the daughters who are at home.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT

The Royal Neighbors held their regular annual election of officers at the hall on Monday evening, the following being chosen:  
Oracle—Mrs. Mathilde Hirz.  
Vice-Oracle—Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger.  
Cancellor—Mrs. Rose Sulser.  
Recorder—Mrs. Sadie Jones.  
Receiver—Mrs. Freda Stibal.  
Marshal—Mrs. Louise Klinger.  
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Dorothy Dew.  
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Minnie Renner.  
Manager—Mrs. Helen Meisinger.  
Musician—Mrs. Dollie Hudson.  
Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

There was a very large number present and a great deal of interest taken in the work of the evening.

## PURCHASES NEW HOME

D. T. Stapp, who has been residing in the Skalak property on Lincoln avenue, has just purchased the residence property of Fred Gels in the south part of the city. The family moved into the new home and are becoming settled in their new location.

Phone your Want Ad to No. 6.

## VISITS WITH OLD FRIENDS

S. S. Gooding, one of the veteran employees of the Burlington, who is now making his home with his son, Everett Gooding and family in Omaha, was in the city Saturday to visit with the friends in the community that he had made home for so many years. Mr. Gooding, taking advantage of his retirement and the transportation privileges, travels a great deal, having just returned from a trip out in Nebraska to visit with old friends. While at Exeter, Nebraska, he had the pleasure of a visit with J. E. Jones, former Plattsmouth man, who is now engaged in the grocery business at Exeter. Mr. Jones has been quite successful in his store and sent back greetings to the old friends in this locality.

## Bauer Company Wins Dismissal of Suit Today

### Appeal of Retail Merchants Service Company From County Court Thrown Out Today

From Tuesday's Daily  
The district court resumed its activity today after the jury was excused over Monday, the case called for trial being that of the Retail Merchants Service Co. vs. John Bauer & Co., et al. This case was for damage, claimed to be due for the non-fulfillment of a contract by the defendant company. On the trial of the case last summer in the county court the defendants, the Bauer Company received the verdict of the jury and from this finding the case was taken to the higher court.  
Before the case was given to the jury a motion was made to have the verdict directed for the defendants.

The suit was one in which the plaintiffs sought to collect \$75,000 which it was alleged was due on a claim for a contract made with the plaintiffs for a service of direct mail advertising which was not accepted by the defendant company.

## SUFFERED SEVERE INJURY

Carl Kraus of Omaha is getting along as well as could be expected at Lenox Lister hospital, where he was taken Thursday evening after being seriously injured by an automobile. The accident occurred during the rain early Thursday evening at Sixteenth street and Capitol avenue in Omaha. The driver of the car which struck Mr. Kraus had no windshield wiper and in the rain his vision was blurred. After striking Kraus he became excited and backed his car up running over him the second time. Mr. Kraus has a broken leg and several broken ribs and it is feared a broken vertebra.  
Mr. Kraus resides at 4179 Chicago street. He is the son of Mrs. J. P. Kraus, pioneer resident of South Omaha and former Plattsmouth resident, and a twin brother of Miss Carrie Kraus. While his condition is serious, his complete recovery is expected, although it will be several months before he is entirely well.

## TAKEN TO PRISON

Pat Reed, special deputy sheriff, was in Otoe county Tuesday where he was called to take into custody Frank Harmer, who was sentenced some months ago to the state penitentiary, following a conviction here on the charge of hog stealing. Mr. Harmer was at Omaha at the time of the visit of Mr. Reed but was later located and taken into custody. He was brought on to Plattsmouth and following the preparation of the commitment papers was taken on to Lincoln where he will start the serving of his sentence. Mr. Harmer was charged with taking some hogs belonging to a man named Hunterman near the Otoe county line in Cass county and on which he was convicted and the case has been affirmed by the state supreme court.

## DR. LIVINGSTON RETURNS

Dr. J. S. Livingston, who for several weeks has been at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, taking treatment, has so far recovered from the illness that he has suffered, that he was able to return home Tuesday. Dr. Livingston had expected to return home Sunday but a cold contracted Saturday made necessary his remaining at the hospital. The many friends over Cass county are delighted to learn of the return of Dr. Livingston and that he is now feeling so much improved and on the highway to permanent recovery.

## HAVE DINNER PARTY

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hull at Rock Bluffs, entertained for dinner at their home Mr. and Mrs. John Glaze, Mrs. Mary Campbell and daughter, Dorothy, and Mr. Ben Hull. They all drove down early in the morning. The day was fully enjoyed by all.

## Old Louisville Resident Passes 100th Milestone

### William Andrew Johnson, Confederate Veterans Observes Event at Omaha Home

Locking up upon what he could see of the world from a window of his home at 807 1/2 South Twentieth Omaha, William Andrew Johnson, on his 100th birthday anniversary Monday, remarked pensively to a newspaper reporter, that "a century is too long for anybody to live."  
"I guess this will be my last birthday," he said. "I really don't want any more. I'm ready for death to take me away."  
Attentions of old age—deafness, dimming eyesight and recurring illnesses—have weakened the body that was a symbol of a vigorous wild west life. But his handclasp is still strong and his memory clear.

He brightened as he recalled his acquaintance with "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Wild Bill" Hickok and other noted plainsmen of the day when the west was young, but shook his head sadly over recollections of the civil war, which he calls "a big mistake."  
A native of West Virginia, the centenarian recounts fighting in both the confederate and union armies.  
He battled as a runner under Gen. Robert E. Lee, was wounded and captured by federal soldiers in 1863 and later was released under his oath not to rejoin his confederate comrades. Then he came west, became a government male driver with federal forces operating in Colorado and was pressed into service to aid in manning one of the two artillery pieces the federals used in the Indian battle of Mud Springs northwest of Denver.

After the war he was a stage driver, a gold prospector in California and a ranch hand. At 40 he "settled down" in Des Moines, later moving to Omaha. In 1883 he and Mrs. Johnson established their residence in Louisville, where the wife died 24 years ago. Mr. Johnson returned to Omaha 16 years ago and has been living with his only surviving relative, a step-daughter, Mrs. Rose Bender.

In these days of the sunset of life his chief source of pleasure is his briar pipe. He says he started smoking when he was 5, as a means of relieving asthma, and has drawn on a pipe ever since.  
"My grandmother was a great smoker, too," he said, "and she lived to be 105."  
Mr. Johnson does not expect to equal that record.  
"Just a few more months for me," he told callers who came to congratulate him upon reaching the century mark.

## WORKMEN OUST RAT HORDE

Kearney, Dec. 15.—It would have been a big day for the Pied Piper of Hamelin if he had been around when workers under Dan Quinton, Kearney contractor, were raising the big grain elevator at Glenwood, four miles north of Kearney, and cutting new foundation walls and abutments under it.  
Thousands of rats, virtually undisturbed during the 25 years the building has been standing, scampered from the honeycombed ground beneath the building when workmen's shovels cut into their burrows. Many rats were killed and burned in a funeral pyre, but most escaped. Even the ground under the switch and main railroad track had been honeycombed by the rats' burrows.

## DOING VERY NICELY

From Wednesday's Daily  
John G. Wunderlich and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, of Nehawka, were in the city last evening to visit with Mrs. Wunderlich, who is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Renckens, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and with her daughter, Mrs. Sadie Shrader. Mrs. Wunderlich is doing very nicely from the effects of an injury received some two weeks ago at the home in Nehawka, when she fell, being brought here to be under the care of the daughters.

## ANNOUNCE BIRTH

The announcement has been received here of the birth of a fine son, Charles Harvey, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burke, the little one having been born on December 4th at Atlantic, Iowa, where the family have resided for the past few years. All are doing very nicely and the occasion has brought much pleasure to the relatives and friends here. Mrs. Burke was formerly Miss Ruth Wright of this city.

## SOCIAL WORKERS MEET

The Social Workers of the Methodist church were most delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes and who was assisted by Mrs. Fred Armstrong and Mrs. V. H. Hanley. The business session was presided over by Mrs. J. Howard Davis, president. At a suitable hour a very dainty luncheon was served by the hostesses of the afternoon.

## PURSUING RABBITS

Early Sunday morning a large delegation of the members of the Melting Pot post of the American Legion of South Omaha, passed through this city en route to Auburn. The Omaha party had arranged to hold a rabbit hunt in the vicinity of Auburn and at that place were to be joined by the Legion men of Nemaha county to participate in the hunt. The larger part of the Omaha party made a stop here for breakfast, they having left South Omaha shortly after 5 o'clock. There was no report received of the number of the elusive bunnies that were slaughtered in the hunt. The rabbits secured were to be donated to the needy at Auburn and South Omaha.

## Charity Drive Committee Head Urges Completion

### Desires to End Campaign of Committees Canvassing the City by Saturday Night

With the sum of \$75.25 reported from the committee canvassing the residential section of the second ward, the chairman of the general canvassing committee, Mrs. Frank Mullen, is urging that all who are making the canvass try and have their completed reports in by Saturday so that the committee can complete their work and place the proceeds of the drive at the disposal of the director and executive committee of the Associated Charities.

With the amount of \$75.25 reported Saturday, additional subscriptions received have been \$10 from the Plattsmouth Woman's club, pledge of \$5 from the Women's Relief Corps for the month of January and a pledge of \$5 from the Catholic Daughters of America for February.  
In the second and third ward there are large number of families who are making their contribution either in the business section of the city or at the homes of the contributors. The press Co. shop list, which has not as yet been announced.

## GUN BATTLE IN STREETS

Highland, Ill.—A gun battle reminiscent of the old "western thriller," with a young pastor in the role of hero, was fought on the streets of this village Tuesday as three bandits looted the Highland State bank of \$2,000. The bandits escaped, apparently unharmed, in a fusillade of bullets and with a score of motorists in pursuit. The nearby towns were notified and scattered shots were fired at the robbers as they sped along the highway thru Lansing and toward Chicago.  
Waving pistols and making threats, the bandits entered the bank in mid-morning, terrorized the employees, and scooped up currency, money orders and bonds. Rev. W. B. Young, pastor of the Methodist church, He raced into nearby business places, shouting an alarm which brought townsmen with shotguns, rifles and pistols to the scene. Half a dozen shots were fired by the vigilantes as the bandits emerged from the bank. The bandits paused a moment in fright and then ran toward their automobile, escaping. In a sequel to the shooting, Harold Koedyer of Highland, one of the citizens who fired on the robbers was near death. He was driving his motor truck to Gary the night of the robbery and was hit by a train.

## NUMEROUS BILLS OFFERED

Washington—The scope of bills to set matters aright took in both land and sea and included not only the hard-pressed farmer but birds and forests as well. The recommendations of the shipping board for governmental regulation to bring order and prosperity to the intercoastal and coastal shipping companies were embodied in a measure by Senator Johnson of California. A revolving loan fund of \$100,000,000 was proposed by Senator Glenn, Illinois, to help farmers in levee and drainage districts.  
A measure by Senator McNary, Oregon, would provide for the protection of forests from insect losses. He also sought the transfer of Widener's land in Maine, from the navy to the agriculture department to permit the establishment of a migratory bird refuge. A joint resolution by Senator Dill, Washington, sought authority for congress to take private property for public use in the event of war.

## CHARGES STATE ALLOWS INFERIOR ROAD WORK

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—R. O. Green, Nebraska secretary of the Associated General Contractors of America, Tuesday again charged the state highway department has no right to acquire equipment, hire men and do contracted work.  
He asserted highway construction without first calling for bids is illegal, attacked the interpretation of the law given Governor Bryan by Secretary of Public Works Roy Cochran, and charged that inferior work is permitted on roads built by the state instead of by contractors.

## Weeping Water People Celebrate Anniversary

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Day Observed by Members of Family

Fifty years ago on Tuesday of this week, December 15th, 1881 at the then bustling little city of South Bend, Nebraska, was celebrated the wedding of Mr. E. E. Day who was in business at that place and Miss Jennie Marton. This week they returned to reside in South Bend for a time and then went to Weeping Water to make their home and also to engage in business which he continued until a year ago when he retired and turned the business over to his son. On Tuesday of this week, the fiftieth anniversary of the event the occasion was celebrated by a very quiet dinner with the immediate relatives, which was much enjoyed.

There were at the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Day, the dinner being at the Reed Haven Hotel in Weeping Water, which is conducted by their daughter, Mrs. Augusta Switzer and son, their son, S. P. Day and family, Walter A. Cole and wife, the wife being sister of Mrs. Day, Edward Norton and wife, Mr. Norton being brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. John Robert, the latter daughter and son, and Mrs. C. C. Baldwin, Mrs. Baldwin being a cousin of the bride. There are brother and sister of the bride, Mrs. Fred Reed of Stockton, California a sister, and the brother, Robert Norton, living in California, while there are also other children, they being, Mrs. George Corley, Pine Bluffs; Mrs. Helen Switzer, Golden, Colorado, Harold Day of North Platte and Mrs. Mable Card who makes her home in the state of Washington.

This estimable couple have friends all over the county and everyone in Weeping Water and vicinity are pleased to call this couple their friends.  
During their residence of nearly fifty years in Weeping Water Mr. and Mrs. Day have ever worked to make Weeping Water, which is a good town, a better one. In their advance years they are living quietly there and enjoying life and the friendships of their many friends. We with their many friends are extending the warmest wishes for many happy, prosperous and useful years in the community.

## LARGE BARN BURNS

Tuesday night between 11 and 11:30 a large hay barn, cattle shed and machine shed on the farm occupied by William O. Troop, north of Nehawka, was burned to the ground. The fire had gained headway when it was discovered, the first trace of the fire being noticed when the machine shed burst into flames, the fire soon spreading to the nearby barns. The large hay barn with several tons of hay was soon a roaring furnace and beyond all control and the cattle shed was also consumed in the fire. There was some 1,500 bushels of shelled corn and 1,500 bushels of oats in the barn in addition to the hay.  
The barn is valued at between \$2,500 and \$3,000 and is partially covered by insurance by the owner of the farm, Charles Troop of this city. It was not learned here whether Mr. William Troop, tenant of the farm carried any insurance on the contents of the barn and sheds.  
Fortunately none of the live stock were in the barns at the time, they having been turned out for the night.

This is the third fire in a short time that has occurred on the farms owned by Mr. Troop in the same locality, a straw stack having been burned and also a tenant farm house on the same farm.  
The origin of the fire is wrapped in deep mystery as there had been no one of the Troop family near the machine shed where the fire started since the machinery was placed away several months ago.  
Bloodhounds were sent to the scene of the fire early this morning and Deputy Young and Deputy Pat Reed were also on the scene in an effort to locate some clue as to the origin of the fire.

## EXTENSION CLUB MEETS

The Plattsmouth Homemakers Extension club met at the home of Mrs. Joseph G. McMaken on Friday evening, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Robert Hill. The ladies spent the evening in picture framing, each member of the club bringing a picture and preparing it for hanging in the home. At a suitable hour a very dainty luncheon was served by the hostess that added to the pleasures of the evening.  
The club will hold its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Henry Ote, Jr., on Tuesday evening, December 29th.

A beautiful card at Christmas time carries the message of friendship and good will. Make it more personal by having your name printed or engraved on it. The Bates Book & Gift Shop affords a wide array of handsome designs to select from.