

MURDOCK ITEMS

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stroy, who has been ill so long, was reported as worse recently.

Frank Dean has returned to work with the Nebraska Power company and is working near Omaha at the present time.

George Krause, the gentlemanly salesman who is employed at the Murdock Mercantile store, spent last Sunday with friends in Omaha.

C. H. Gibson, bank receiver, who has had charge of the closing out of the Murdock bank, was in town Wednesday looking after business matters.

The Womens Missionary Society and the Mission Band were meeting at the church last Thursday, where they were looking after business for the society.

Little Doris Dean was spending last week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Corbin, of Avoca, returning home the latter part of the week.

Mearle Gillespie was assisting in the digging of trenches for the new water mains and also to carry the lead consumers' lines to the homes of future customers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Works and the children were spending the 4th at the home of Grandfather and Grandmother A. J. Tool of Murdock. Needless to say, they enjoyed their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Friend, of near Alvo were visiting here last Saturday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Craig, the latter being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Friend.

Henry Angwert and wife were in Lincoln Wednesday of last week, at which place they were looking after business matters during the afternoon as well as securing some goods for the store.

Mrs. E. W. Thingman, who was here for some two weeks following the birth of a grandson, visited relatives and old friends both here and at Elmwood before returning to her home in Plattsmouth.

August Ruge has been combining wheat at the farm of Fred Stoc, Sr., getting along very nicely with the work. The yield has run around 35 bushels to the acre and the test was 62 pounds to the bushel.

Bryan and Lacey McDonald were both busy last week getting water pipes installed in their houses and doing some plumbing work so they may be able to use city water as soon as same is available.

Rev. C. F. Weber was building a cupboard in the kitchen at the Callahan church so as to make it more convenient for the ladies whenever the occasion comes for the serving of dinners and banquets at the church.

Mrs. MHO Frisbie and their little son were visiting with Grandfather and Grandmother O. H. Miller for a few days during the past week. The

most interesting feature of the visit was the little grandson, and say, he is a fine lad, at that.

Louis Hornbeck and family, who make their home in Lincoln were visiting in Murdock last Sunday and with Grandmother Backemeyer were over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Backemeyer for the day, where a very fine dinner was served.

William Winkler and family of Elmwood were visiting in Murdock last Sunday, enjoying a good visit and an excellent dinner. Mrs. Winkler was formerly Miss Leah Schmidt and they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Schmidt.

Sterling Emmans, who has been making his home at Fort Worth, Texas, arrived here recently and has been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. William H. Zabel. Finding plenty of work to be done in the harvest fields here, he has accepted work shocking grain for a number of the farmers of this community.

John Rung, now of Lincoln, but formerly of Murdock, where he made his home years ago, was here a few days ago to set up and get started a new combine which was recently purchased by August Ruge and which he is using every day now in the harvesting of an excellent crop of wheat which has just matured in the vicinity of Murdock.

While Harry Long was in conversation with some one on business matters, leaving his car standing near the Rock Island tracks, a train came along and bumped the auto, smashing the fenders and a portion of the body, but not doing very much damage. Evidently the auto crept a little after it had been stopped and got nearer the track than where it was left.

Rock Island Station Looks Fine
A crew of painters and decorators in the employ of the Rock Island railroad, has been in Murdock repainting the depot and putting the station grounds in the best of shape. The well has been cleaned and with bright new paint on the building it presents a greatly changed appearance both inside and out. Agent I. G. Hornbeck has re-arranged the furniture and returned the notices and tariff schedules to their accustomed places.

It costs money to keep property up, but the railroad company, with a lot of it on their hands, realize full well the importance of not letting the buildings deteriorate and keep a considerable number of men of their payroll who do nothing but go over the system and repair buildings as they need painting.

Harvest On in Real Earnest
The harvesting of one of the finest crops that has ever been grown in Cass county is now on and Murdock and vicinity seems to be right in the center of this area of fine wheat.

On one farm some eight miles west of town, the yield was 44 bushels to the acre and the test showed 63 pounds to the bushel. This was on the farm of Albert Wottzel. On a

number of others, nearly similar records of yield are reported. On the farm of Henry Bornemeier just at the edge of Murdock, the wheat yield was 45 bushels to the acre, and this grain also tested 63 pounds to the bushel.

There are six combines now in operation in the vicinity of Murdock, with the promise of getting the harvest done in short time. On many of the farms, however, the grain is being cut in the regular manner with a binder, and shock and stack threshing will follow, running through a good portion of the summer.

While the weather has been pretty dry for the raising of corn and other crops, the wheat has done fine and even surprised many with its fine quality and abundant yield.

Merry Mixer Cooking Club
The Merry Mixer Cooking club of Murdock met at the home of Leona Lewis on June 26th. The roll call indicated all members were present. Sponge cake was demonstrated and baked. Refreshments of ice cream and cake, made in the club colors, were served by the hostess.

The club met again last Friday, July 3, at the home of Lila Stock. Sandwich fillings were discussed as the lesson topic.—Frances Elaine Buell, News Reporter.

Visiting with Friends Here
Ora Rush, who for many years resided in and near Murdock, but who has been residing at Carson City, Michigan, where he is engaged as a salesman for Chevrolet cars, is here on a vacation trip, being a guest at the home of Mr. G. V. Pickwell, who was guardian for him when he was a lad, and who of course is still much interested in his welfare.

Mr. Rush was given his vacation with pay by the company that employs him, as he and other salesmen for the concern had sold so many cars it was impossible to make delivery and all were told to take a vacation on pay until they could get caught up with orders.

While here he has been meeting many of his old friends and thoroughly enjoying his visit.

Sustained Fractured Arm
Mrs. James Welch, who with her husband, make their home between South Bend and Ashland, had the misfortune to fall down the stairs at their home last Wednesday morning, sustaining many cuts and bruises, as well as the fracturing of one of her arms. They hurried to Murdock, where Dr. L. D. Lee reduced the fracture and treated the other injuries. It is hoped that she will soon be over her injuries.

Ladies Aid at Parsonage
The Ladies Aid of the Murdock Evangelical church met last Thursday with Mrs. Harvey A. Schwab at the parsonage, Mrs. O. H. Miller being co-hostess and assisting Mrs. Schwab in entertaining the guests. In spite of the extreme hot weather, there was a goodly number present

Man Who Returned From Death



"I remember swallowing the acid. Then—the lights went out. I didn't feel or see or sense a thing until I woke up in the hospital. It's a pity I can't tell about it, but—there just wasn't anything." In these words Eugene Kratzer of San Francisco, "the man who returned from death", described his experience after doctors had revived him by pumping methylene blue into his bloodstream, nullifying the poison he had taken. His daughter, Elizabeth, is shown with her father as the two were reunited in the hospital.

and much work was accomplished as the ladies turned their attention to sewing and quilting. Later a most delicious hot weather luncheon was served by the hostesses.

Kittenball Results
The Tigers defeated the Bible school team last Tuesday night by a score of 6 to 3 and the Callahans took the second game from the boys from South Bend by a score of 10 to 8. Both are described as exceptionally good games, close enough to be interesting throughout. The usual large crowd was on hand.

District Superintendent to be Here
Rev. E. F. Haist, new district superintendent of Evangelical churches in this territory, will be in Murdock on July 17, 18 and 19, when he will meet with the churches and their respective members in this part of the country. The entire membership should turn out to hear the discourse by this talented man who has been elevated to the position of district superintendent.

Celebrated Tenth Birthday
Little June Stock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stock, Jr., whose birthday came one day after the going of June, but who was christened June just the same, was celebrating her tenth birthday anniversary on Wednesday of last week, where a large number of her little friends joined in properly celebrating the passing of this glad some event.

Making Good Progress
There has been made much good progress with the work of installation of the Murdock Waterworks system and it is expected to be completed about the last of this month, with perhaps some work remaining to be done on the tower which is to provide the pressure. The digging of the trenches and laying of the mains as well as running service lines from them to the homes of prospective customers is moving forward very rapidly.

Moving Again to the West
Rev. J. V. Bandy, brother-in-law of A. J. Tool, who was formerly located in the southwestern portion of Nebraska, some time since accepted a pastorate at Alexandria, Va., not far from the capital city of Washington, D. C., where he has ministered during the past year. Now he has resigned his pastorate there to accept work in a larger field back in Nebraska, working out of Valentine as dean of the district and serving Bassett, O'Neill and a number of other points over that portion of the state. He arrived last week with his family and has been visiting for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tool, after which he will continue on to the northwest part of the state to take up the duties of his new position.

Working for the State
A letter from the west tells of Henry A. Guthmann being employed at Boise, Idaho, in the state house, where he has an administrative office connected with the highway department and says he is feeling much better than he has for years. Mrs. Guthmann is also in fine health,

sends a delegate. Why not all come and sit together this Sunday?

Death of Sister at Seward
Mrs. Edith Walker, of Seward, passed away on Wednesday, July 1st, after a brief illness. She was 31 years and 10 months of age. Besides her husband, Clarence, she leaves three small children, Kenneth, 5; Marjorie Ann, 2, and a baby not yet a year old. Also four sisters and three brothers, as follows: Mrs. Emily Gonzales, Elmwood; Mrs. Henry Monning, Elmwood; Mrs. Fred Rudolph, Eagle, and Mrs. James Mills, Murdock; Ralph Reeve, Craig, Colo.; Roger Reeve, Elmwood, and Herbert Reeve, of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at a funeral chapel in Seward, after which the body was brought to Elmwood, where a second service was held from the Elmwood Methodist church. Interment was in the Elmwood cemetery.

In losing Edith, we have lost a dear sister and a loving wife and mother.—A Sister.

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NEBRASKA LUTHERAN SYNOD

Westboro, Mo.—Rev. Fred Nolte was elected president of the German Evangelical Lutheran synod of Nebraska at its annual convention here. J. Marxen of Columbus, Neb., was elected vice president, A. Lentz of Cedar Creek, Neb., re-elected secretary, and G. Weinke of Auburn, Neb., treasurer.

E. Thomas of Gretna, Neb., led services in German and English Thursday night. J. Schrader of Yutan, Neb., retiring president of the synod, is presiding at the sessions.

Son-in-Law of Mussolini Looms as His Successor

Appointment of Ciano to Cabinet Post Seen as Step to Fascist Command



Count Ciano

Benito Mussolini

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Rome—Mussolini has apparently himself answered a question long troubling Europe as to who will be the successor to Il Duce when the latter steps out.

His recent appointment of his son-in-law, Galeazzo Ciano, as minister of foreign affairs, suggests that this talented young man may be considered the logical candidate to take over Mussolini's position as head of the Fascist party and ruler of Italy.

It has been evident for some time that Mussolini was grooming the suave husband of his daughter Edda for an important post. Various assignments have come his way which have kept Ciano constantly in the headlines and added to his popularity.

Added responsibilities connected with the development and colonization of Ethiopia made the ruling of the new "Roman Empire" too much of a job for one man, even though that man was Mussolini. His realization of this resulted in his relinquishing three of the seven cabinet posts he occupied.

Ciano Now Only 35
Although only 35—the youngest minister of foreign affairs in the history of Italy—Ciano has had an active career and extensive experience in diplomatic circles.

One of the first posts occupied by Ciano was at Italy's envoy to several countries in the Far East. During the Ethiopian campaign, he added to his fame as leader of the "Desperate Squadron," the aviation unit which figured importantly in the Italian advance. Still another state position which he filled was as minister of

the press and propaganda. Elevation of Ciano to the post of minister of foreign affairs is seen by many as further indication of Mussolini's intention to "keep the power in the family" and avoid any chance of being dethroned by a rival such as Marshal Pietro Badoglio, whose popularity made it necessary, however, for Il Duce to make him commander-in-chief of the army.

Diplomatic Situation Involved
Ciano, who carries both the titles of count and colonel, enters the European diplomatic arena at a time when the situation is fraught with danger and uncertainty. With the exception of Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, Ciano will be forced to match wits with veteran statesmen schooled in the wiles of international intrigue.

Ciano, then, as the instrument of Mussolini, looms as the central figure in future international councils which might conceivably see the alliance of Germany, Italy and Austria in a new entente, which would form a formidable alliance in the balance against the powers aligned with France.

Meanwhile, the situation in Austria is loaded with possibilities. When Prince von Starhemberg was ousted as vice chancellor by Kurt Schuschnigg, chancellor, because of pro-Fascist activities, civil war clouds loomed on the horizon. Mussolini has been singularly reticent about expressing himself concerning the situation, but the recent visit of the Austrian chancellor to Rome was seen as significant of Il Duce's determination to "keep on top" the situation in neighboring Austria and probably play ball with whichever faction appeared strongest.

Huskies Favored in Olympics



Their sensational victory in the Poughkeepsie regatta marked the stellar crew of University of Washington as favorites to win the Olympic rowing eight-oar finals at Princeton, N. J.

Duchess Addis Ababa



The handsome wife of Marshal Pietro Badoglio (above) is now Her Grace the Duchess of Addis Ababa, since the elevation of her husband to the dukedom.