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Test Bitudobe Blocks for Low Cost Buildings

Uni. of Nebr. Extension Service Constructs 20x60 Poultry House—Offers Free Bulletin.

George H. Lobdell, of Lincoln, was in Plattsmouth a few days ago, having come to Cass county primarily to discuss with Mr. Eveland, of near Elmwood, the replacement of some of his farm buildings, destroyed recently by fire, with bitudobe blocks, said to be particularly adaptable to the construction of poultry houses and similar farm buildings.

The Extension Department of the University of Nebraska has just recently put out a six page pamphlet on "Bitudobe Construction," following a series of tests and the building of a poultry house from these homemade bitudobe blocks at the U. of N. experiment station. The Lincoln Star and Journal in a recent Sunday feature story, showed pictures of how these blocks, similar to the well known adobe brick of the southwest, are made at small cost.

The poultry house is 20x60 feet in size, has a gable roof and walls seven feet high. About 1300 blocks and 800 gallons of asphalt emulsion were required for walls, gables and partitions. The walls went up much faster than is usually the case where bricks are used. Buildings of bitudobe blocks are said to cost about 35 per cent of those constructed of the other standard building materials.

The materials used are ordinary farm soil, waste sand and emulsified asphalt. The easy and inexpensive manner in which they can be made is explained in detail in the bulletin, which we are advised may be obtained free of charge by writing to W. H. Brokaw, director of Extension Service, care of University of Nebraska Agricultural College, Lincoln.

The bulletin states that: "Replacement of farm buildings normally occurs when the state of usefulness is noticeably impaired, but in Nebraska, agricultural conditions during the thirties have so reduced farm buying power that many farmers have not been able, financially, to rebuild and replace worn out buildings as needed. As a result, many have not been replaced, and because they have not, a farm enterprise like poultry, dependent as it is upon comfortable housing, is unable to maintain or contribute its share of the farm income. While this appears to be a farm problem, it is the state's problem also and for this reason the University of Nebraska experiment station is testing the use of asphalt emulsion in home made bitudobe blocks for building a poultry house."

Practically all types of soil are suitable for the making of these bitudobe blocks or bricks. The only ingredients are the asphalt emulsion, water, dirt and sand. Since the last three are available at little or no cost, the expense involved is limited to the cost of the asphalt emulsion (sold at a very low price) and the labor of making. The emulsion, when mixed with other ingredients contained in the blocks, serves as a dispersing agent to distribute asphalt uniformly and in this way acts as a binder to hold particles of soil together permanently as the water in the mixture dries out, says the bulletin. Particles of earth and sand are thus cemented into a more stable hardness and the asphalt then becomes, in addition to a hard cement, a waterproof film about each particle of soil.

It is said that ordinary adobe houses in the path of California's floods of last winter were destroyed, while houses made of bitudobe blocks were not.

Bitudobe blocks are clean to handle, there being no oil, or greasiness or odor. The bulletin says that two men can make about 130 of these blocks in an eight hour day.

Persons interested in this type of low price construction of farm buildings should write for their copy of this interesting six page folder that not only gives instructions for making and laying the blocks, but de-

tailed specifications for the construction of a one-story bitudobe building, including the laying of floor of the same material.

DEPARTS FOR HOME

Thursday Sheriff Joe Mrasek sent Wilton Gates, who has been here ill for the past two weeks, back to his home in Colorado, the relatives there sending the transportation for the boy. The young man who had run away from the Flanagan Home at Omaha, has been ill here, suffering from an attack of pneumonia but has so far recovered that it was thought that he might make the trip to LaJunta, Colorado, his home. The boy had been picked up here by the sheriff and was suffering from exposure that led to the attack of pneumonia.

Modern Woodmen Install the New Officers

Edward Kohrell Installed as Consul of Cass Camp No. 332—Plan Changing Meeting Date.

The recently elected officers of Cass Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, were installed on Tuesday night at the rooms in the Eagles building and to take up their management of the affairs of the organization for the coming year. The installing officer was Fred H. Vincent, past venerable consul. The officers installed were as follows:

Consul—Edward Kohrell.
Past Consul—O. E. Finneyfrock.
Advisor—L. O. Gaylord.
Clerk—H. F. Goos.
Banker—Edward Gabelman.
Escort—Edgar Newton.
Watchman—E. L. Bayley.
Sentry—Everett Elliott.
Trustee—Clement Woster.
Physician—R. P. Westover.
Musician—Mrs. L. O. Gaylord.
Chief Forester—Fred H. Vincent.

During the business meeting which followed the installation, the matter of changing the meeting date was discussed, a motion being made to change the date from the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to the second and fourth Friday of the month. The motion was, however, carried over for final vote at the next meeting on Tuesday, February 14th.

After the business meeting the members enjoyed refreshments and a few games of pinocle.

ARREST SUSPECT

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening as Frank Boetel was retiring at his home just north of the Athletic park, he saw a car drive up and park near the park at Tenth street and Washington avenue, a few moments later seeing two men carrying a can going in the direction of the M. S. Briggs residence. The parties were around the garage when Mr. Boetel made his appearance and they fled, leaving behind them a can and hose with which they had started to syphon gas out of the car of Mr. Briggs that was parked partially in the garage. The men escaped but Officer Herbert Johnson, called to the scene, had their car hauled to the city jail. A suspect was arrested and is being held until a complaint may be filed against him and the second one of the party rounded up.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Miss Amelia Friedrich of this city has been in attendance at the convention and banquet of the Nebraska State Nurses' association, which was held at the Hotel Fontenelle. The meeting was attended by a large number of the registered nurses and a very fine program offered. Dr. Sven Isaacson of Chicago, was the chief speaker. The banquet was held at the Fontenelle Thursday evening.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hild are the parents of a fine nine and a quarter pound daughter that arrived at their home early Sunday morning. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion proved very happy to the little brother and two sisters.

Dist. Governor of Rotary Pays a Visit to City

Guest of Honor at Dinner Held at the Hotel Plattsmouth Last Evening.

From Thursday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth Rotary club with their ladies had the pleasure of having as the honor guest at their dinner last evening, Harry Russell, of Hastings, governor of the nineteenth district of International Rotary. The charmingly appointed dinner party was held at the Hotel Plattsmouth and attended by a large number of the members and their ladies.

The group singing was led by L. O. Minor and in which all joined to make this part of the program especially enjoyable.

Mrs. L. S. Devoe and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, two of the Anns, were heard in two very artistically presented piano numbers, Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 5" and "Tamborine."

Frank A. Cloldt, one of the musicians of the local club gave two vocal numbers in his usual delightful manner. "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen," and "Sweethearts" from Romberg's "Blossom Time." Mrs. L. S. Devoe was the accompanist.

President Arthur Troop presented Governor Russell who in a very much enjoyed talk discussed the four objective plan of the international organization, "Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service." Mr. Russell in his remarks urged a return to the old established American principles of thrift and acquiring by labor and sacrifices rather than extensive programs that embraced great and costly spending. Touching on the international phases of Rotary the speaker deplored the trend in European nations to stamp out the liberal teachings and peaceful methods of Rotary and the fact that the clubs had been forced to abandon their activities in Germany and in Italy. In Russia there is no Rotary clubs as the system of government of absolute control by the state of all vocations, eliminates the qualifications for Rotary organization.

W. F. ERIGGS DIES IN WEST

Warren Foote Briggs, brother of M. S. Briggs of Plattsmouth, was born at Salem, Iowa, April 15, 1861, and died at Winton, California, January 26, 1939, aged near 78 years. He leaves a wife and one son, Arthur S. Briggs, both in California. The funeral and burial will be held at Atwater, Calif., Monday, January 29. The deceased gained his education at the public schools at Salem, Iowa. He was a printer of the old school when there was no lino type and all work had to be done by hand. Nearly forty years ago he went to California where he engaged in fruit farming, having a small fruit farm, and was as well a plasterer and mason. His health failed with the ravages of cancer, which he had suffered from for the past twelve or fifteen years. During the past year he has been kept to his home and bed with the disease which claimed his life yesterday morning.

OIL COMPANY DIRECTORS MEET

The board of directors of the Golden Rod Oil company met Friday in the office of Attorney A. L. Tidd where a business meeting was held. The discussion was in regard to the oil well proposition now in full swing northwest of Murray. The directors had authorized the purchase of a casing for the oil well now being drilled northwest of Murray and further authorized the employment of two drainers and two helpers to operate the drilling twenty-four hours a day until the well is completed.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Peter Halmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Halmes, returned home from the St. Joseph hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis several days ago. Although not entirely well, Mr. Halmes will recuperate at his home.

SUFFERS INJURY

From Friday's Daily—
C. A. Alexsen, employed in the local shops, suffered a back injury this morning and was given attention at the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik. The injury was not dangerous and the patient was made as comfortable as possible from the effects of the accident.

MANY GLOBES BROKEN

In recent weeks the city has suffered the loss of several of the large electroliner globes by reason of breaking and which at first was thought to be due to the globes becoming loose or cracking. An investigation and the recurrence of these damaged globes has led the police to believe that other reasons are cause for the damage. The breakage, it is thought now, has been caused by slingshots in the hands of irresponsible parties who have made the electroliners a target.

Anyone who is caught shooting at the globes or apprehended will have to face the penalty for the destruction of property.

Committees of the Ad Club are Named

Roy Knorr Named General Chairman Korn Karnival to Succeed Late Henry Soennichsen

At the first luncheon meeting of the Business Men's Ad club under the newly elected officers for 1939, President Fred Busch named the committee members that will carry on the work of the club during 1939, and also announced the re-appointment of Warren Scharfenberg as secretary of the club.

The personnel of the committees is as follows:
Executive and Planning—Roy W. Knorr, W. C. Soennichsen, C. C. Westcott, Warren Scharfenberg and James Mauzy.

Advertising—W. C. Soennichsen, C. C. Westcott, E. A. Webb and Hillard Grassman.

Membership—C. C. Westcott, W. C. Soennichsen and Frank Mullen. General Chairman King Korn Karnival—Roy W. Knorr. Mr. Knorr succeeds the late Henry Soennichsen, who from its inception was general chairman of the Korn Karnival committee.

Discuss Various Matters

The luncheon hour was taken up with a discussion of various matters of concern to the club, including the building up of membership and the Rural School Equipment Contest, being participated in by most of the club members and other business institutions of the city.

Walter Smith, county attorney, who has presided at the microphone for many of the Gift Night programs of the club during the past year, was a guest at the luncheon and spoke briefly.

TO RETURN HOME

The members of the family here have received word that Miss Alice Louise Westcott, who has been at the St. Francis hospital at Evanston, Illinois, recovering from a surgical operation, was to return home. Miss Westcott has had a very successful case and her recovery being rapid and she expects to be able to leave the hospital on Tuesday for her home where she will recuperate. Her mother, Mrs. C. C. Westcott, of this city, is at Chicago with the daughter.

CEDAR CREEK LADIES AID

The Cedar Creek Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 1, at 2:30, at the Ladies Aid hall there. S. O. Perkins of Omaha, secretary of the Nebraska Crippled Children's society will speak; also Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom, of Plattsmouth. A large attendance is desired.

HERE FROM UNIVERSITY

Miss Rachel Robertson, student at the University of Nebraska, is home to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson and her brother, Billy, as well as the school friends. She was brought home by her parents who spent Wednesday in Lincoln and visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harold Murphey and family.

HERE FROM UNIVERSITY

Raymond Wooster, pharmacy student at the University of Nebraska, returned here from Lincoln to spend several days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wooster.

State Recreation Heads Here for Important Meet

State Heads and Directors From Nearby Counties Hold Round Table Discussion.

Thursday the Recreation Center board, with Elmer Sundstrom as head supervisor assisted by Clyde Jackson as assistant supervisor had the pleasure of having a group of distinguished members of the state recreational headquarters from various towns and counties of the state here for a meeting.

The day was featured with a dinner served in the dining room of the Hotel Plattsmouth. Following the dinner a round-table discussion was held and was one that proved very instructive, educational and interesting. The discussion was solely in regard to the betterment and general welfare of the Recreation Centers, a project that is such an asset in the form of entertainment for the community at large and the projects, which are found in every community in the state, have been well responded to by the citizens of their respective city.

The honored guests present were: Neal McDonald, state director of the Recreation, Lincoln; Harold Hild, district supervisor, Lincoln; William Ossian, Otoe county supervisor, Nebraska City; William Thomas, assistant state director, Lincoln; and Mr. Anderson, Saunders county supervisor, Wahoo.

The men were very much pleased with the extensive amount of work that the local Recreation Center has done in the past year and are continuing to do. The local supervisors of the Recreation Center are to be complimented and praised on the time and effort and they spend to help maintain and supervise a place of enjoyment and amusement for the citizens of the community at large.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS

The county court was busy Friday in hearing a number of probate matters and which kept Judge A. H. Duxbury on the bench for the greater part of the day.

The probate of the will of John W. Barrow, deceased, of near Ashland, was received and admitted to probate, Mrs. Barrow being named as the executrix of the estate. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hammer, the latter a daughter, were also here for the hearing.

In the estate of Mrs. Frances Barker, deceased, of Louisville, a deed which had been discovered covering property in the case was submitted to the court.

In the guardianship of Sophia Nielsen, instructions were asked by the guardian, Carl D. Ganz, on action for foreclosure of mortgage on property of the ward.

Hearing on claims in the estate of Edward H. Spangler, deceased was held. Mrs. Spangler and Richard Spangler, joint executors of the estate were present.

LEAVING FOR THE SOUTH

From Thursday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield of Louisville, who have been enjoying the unusually mild and agreeable winter weather of Nebraska this season, are leaving today for the south where for several winters they have been visiting. They are going to Corpus Christi, Texas, where spring is already starting and will enjoy a stay of several weeks and Mr. Mayfield be able to indulge in sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. They have been located at Portland, a suburb of Corpus Christi for the past few years on their visits to the south.

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TO SPEND WINTER IN SOUTH

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Pugsley and niece, Miss Marian Propst of Bayard, Nebr., spent several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stamp before they depart for the southland where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

At New Orleans, La., they will attend the "Mardi Gras" and spend some time at Miami, Lake Worth and Jacksonville and on to Cuba.

On their return to the States they will travel through West Virginia to visit relatives of Mrs. Pugsley and then go on to Washington, D. C., and take the northern route home.

Students Who Hold Honor Roll of High School

Large Group of Students in All Four Classes of the High School Are Represented.

The following is the list of students who comprise the honor roll for the second quarter and first semester of 1938-39. The asterisk represents the students who were eligible for the honor roll both second quarter and first semester.

Freshman

Betty Ault*, Sanford Short, Yvonne DeLes Denier, Margaret Rea, Ellen Dodds, Roberta Beveridge*, Betty Gayer, Maxine Graves*, Danny Terryberry.

Sophomore

Rita Berlett*, Frances Bierl*, Maxine Cole*, Robert Cook*, Corbin Davis*, Harold Flockhart, Bernice Halmes, Edwin Hiber, Ronald Lester*, Betty Jo Libershal*, Joe Nible*, Clayton Sack*, Verona Toman*, Shirley Walling*, Ruth Westover*, Anna Altschaffl, Frank Dall*, Mary Helen Hill*, Darlene Hennings*, Richard Hitt*, Whipple Leonard*, Glen Lutz*, Allen White*, C. Drucker*.

Junior

Jack Barton*, John Bestor*, Veda Capps*, Alice Jane Grosshans*, Frances Hadraba*, John Livingston*, Kathleen Nolte*, Betty Ruffner, Helen Dieter*, Ronald Rebal*, Warren Reed*, Thomas Solomon*, John Tidball*, Hazel Kelley, Jim Webb*, Janet Westover*, Stephen Wiles*, Elmore Brink*.

SMALL SHED BURNS

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning the fire department was called to the residence of Don C. York at Thirteenth and Vine streets where a small shed was reported on fire. The department responded at once and were able to extinguish the fire without serious loss. The York family feel very appreciative of the excellent work of the department. There was no insurance on the shed.

AN APPRECIATION

In behalf of the school children and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to all of those who in any way contributed votes to help make our school (Dist. No. 37) winner of the Rural School Contest for the first week. Your cooperation and willing attitude is certainly appreciated.

MARTHA KAFFENBERGER,
d&w Teacher.

VISIT AT HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—
Mrs. H. F. Goos, Mrs. William Schmidtman, Sr. and William Schmidtman, Jr., were in Omaha today to visit at the Clarkson hospital with H. F. Goos, where he has been for several days. Mr. Goos is expected to be operated on today for a severe case of kidney stones from which he has suffered for some time.

FEELING MUCH BETTER

Miss Celia Palacek, who has just returned from Omaha where she has been recovering from the effect of an operation, is now feeling very much improved. She is resting at home and it is hoped in a short time will be restored to her former good health.

ST. PAUL'S AID SOCIETY

The St. Paul's aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon, February 2nd at the church parlors. Hostesses, Mesdames Adam Stoehr and Fred Guenther.

George Dobson Area Manager of L. T. & T. Co.

Named to Have Charge of Telephone Interests in County—E. H. Gray Goes to Weeping Water.

Announcement of the appointment of George P. Dobson, of Lincoln, as area manager of the Plattsmouth area of The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, has been made by District Manager J. A. McKinzie. The appointment is effective February 1. Mr. Dobson replaces former Area Manager Ray Misner who died on September 1, 1938.

Mr. Dobson has been associated with the telephone company since January 1, 1929, when he joined the engineering department. Transferred to the Lincoln business office in 1930, he advanced to sales manager on March 1, 1938. He spent considerable time in the Lincoln service department while connected with the business office in order to acquaint



George P. Dobson
Named Plattsmouth Manager

himself with fundamental plant practices. His genial personality and a splendid civic sense—evidenced by the fact that he held the office of vice-president of the Lincoln Junior Chamber of Commerce just prior to his transfer to Plattsmouth—will make him a distinct asset to the Plattsmouth area. He has been very active as a worker in Westminster Presbyterian church in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobson and infant son will establish their residence in Plattsmouth within the near future.

R. H. Gray, who has been wire chief of the Plattsmouth exchange since February, 1935, has been promoted to the position of manager of the Weeping Water exchange. Mr. Gray's connection with the telephone company began in 1923 with his employment as groundman at Bradshaw. Since then, he has served in various capacities in Rising City, Lincoln, Tecumseh, Table Rock and Plattsmouth. His exceptional ability and splendid personality will undoubtedly make him a prime favorite with Weeping Water citizens.

Joseph Abrams, formerly manager at Weeping Water, has been named wire chief at Plattsmouth. In this position, his extensive telephone experience, which goes back to March, 1910, will be particularly helpful to Area Manager Dobson. Mr. Abrams has served in various plant and commercial department capacities at Lincoln, Seward, Dorchester, Shelby, Clay Center, Fairmont, Osceola, Plattsmouth and Weeping Water.

FILES SUIT IN PARTITION

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court a suit in partition was filed entitled Donald Barker, et al vs. Edward N. Barker, et al. The plaintiffs in their petition stated that Donald Barker is the owner of an undivided 11/20 interest in and to lots 512 and 513 in the village of Louisville, that the defendants are the owners of 9/20 interest in said lots. Judgment is asked confirming the shares of the parties and if necessary sale of property and division.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish gratefully to express to the friends and neighbors our deep appreciation of the many kindnesses shown to us and our mother, Mrs. Sarah Young in her last illness and for the expression of sympathy. Especially do we wish to thank those who assisted in the services and for the many beautiful flowers.—The Children of Mrs. Sarah Young.

For the Journal.