

## ALVO

William James spent the week-end with his parents. Sam Jordan is driving a Chevrolet car that he recently purchased. Iris Miller was home from the University of Nebraska Sunday afternoon. Dan Williams has been feeling quite poorly of late. He is suffering from stomach trouble. Wayne Swartz of Hemingford spent Tuesday evening with his mother and relatives in Alvo. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Bruner of Waverly. Men of the community who are interested in the Soil Conservation program were present at the Jordan hall Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hamilton, of Central City came Thursday morning and will spend a few days with Mrs. Hamilton's brother, Elmer Klyver and wife. Lelia Nickel, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nickel, has been feeling poorly, having a very sore throat the past several days. She is reported to be feeling much better. Wayne Swartz, a former resident of this community, was in College View with a load of horses for the community sale there last Thursday. Wayne is residing at Hemingford, in Dox Butte county. Mrs. S. C. Boyles entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon. The ladies enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at one o'clock. Mrs. A. B. Stroemer and Mrs. Arthur Dinges were guests. The Farmers Union members and their families enjoyed a covered dish luncheon Monday evening at the Arthur Roelofs home. Several families participated in furnishing and enjoyed the meal and sociability of the evening. Mrs. Simon Rehmeier, Frank and Fred, were accompanied by Mrs. Sterling Coatsman and two sons, Leo and Gilbert all attended a show in Lincoln Sunday afternoon. The occasion was in honor of Gilbert, who was celebrating his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Simpson, of Shannon City, Iowa, accompanied by an uncle and aunt of Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickie, of Avoca, were evening guests at the William Mickie home Wednesday evening. The Simpsons were on a short wedding trip. Mrs. Simpson, the bride, is a niece of Wm. Mickie.

### Club Members Enjoy Luncheon

Members of the Alvo Reading club enjoyed a most luscious dinner at the home of Mrs. Roy Coatsman on Thursday of last week. The luncheon committee included Mesdames Roy Coatsman, Euehler, August Johnson, Clarence Frollich and Frank Edwards. Guests were seated at small tables that were decorated in a red and white color scheme. Cupids were used for place cards. Fifteen guests besides the committee were present. After the luncheon, the ladies participated in bridge and Chinese checkers.

### Shower for Mrs. Hergenrader

Mrs. Hergenrader, of Lincoln, the former Miss Doris Kinney, was given a lovely shower by a group of friends Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Phillip Coatsman. The guests played Chinese checkers for entertainment after which the bride of a few weeks was showered with many lovely gifts from her friends. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon's activities by Mesdames Phillip Coatsman, Collins, Snavey, Carl Rosenow, Charles Roelofs, Frank Edwards and Whyman.

### Slips on Ice

Dallas Fiter slipped on ice Monday while carrying out some groceries from the store in which he works in Lincoln. In falling he sprained his ankle and hurt his back. He is recovering nicely and will soon be able to get around in his usual manner.

### To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Keefer, former Alvo residents who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, are to be honored by their daughter, Mrs. Roy Cole, of near Plattsmouth, who will hold open house at her home at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer have been residing at Glenwood, Iowa, for several years.

### Hit by Car

Sherman Wolfe, a former Alvo resident, who has a job as flagman in Lincoln was hit by a car Mon-

day when on duty. A freight train was going through and two cars were waiting to cross. Just as soon as the track was clear of the train both cars made a dash across the crossing, with one car pulling out and attempting to pass the other. Sherman was hit by this car. It will be necessary for him to be off duty a few days, but the writer understands that the injuries are only minor.

### Last Rites for Joseph Armstrong

Last rites for Joseph Armstrong, 82, were held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Methodist church with Rev. John Hammel officiating. Mr. Armstrong was born in the state of Indiana, but had been a resident of the Alvo community 54 years. During his earlier life, he had been engaged in farming, but had retired from that occupation several years ago. On January 17, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Roy of Omaha, Glen of Dorchester and Ivan of Havelock; one daughter, Mrs. Mona Barrett of Lincoln; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Armstrong was very active for a man of his age and had been able to get around very well up to the time of his last illness. Mr. Armstrong passed away Monday evening about 6:00 o'clock at a Lincoln hospital. The family has a host of friends who extend sympathy.

## Wabash News

LeRoy Stanley, the Wabash merchant, made a business trip to the county seat last Wednesday.

Charles Schaefer of Murdock was in Wabash last Wednesday distributing oils and gasoline to his customers here.

Sherman Hardaway suffered a cut on his right cheek while splitting some kindling, as a piece of a board flew up and struck him in the face.

Thomas Cacy, a friend of Sherman Hardaway (the two coming from the same town in Missouri) was looking after business in this vicinity Wednesday of last week.

LeRoy Stanley has been suffering from a severe attack of lumbago, which has made it difficult for him to keep up his work in the store and on the farm.

Herman Luetchens who resides north of highway No. 1 is delivering wheat to the elevator in Wabash a number of days during the past week.

Fred Towle was called to Weeping Water Tuesday of last week, but was able to get back to Wabash in time to participate in the evening Chinese checker game.

Bert M. Barden narrowly averted a severe case of pneumonia the past week, when he fought off the effects of a very severe cold that settled in his lungs. He is employed at the quarry operated by the government.

### Entertained Kensington

Mrs. H. H. Gerbeling was hostess last Wednesday to the members of the Wabash General Kensington. Already the ladies are making plans for the coming summer season, when they will make an effort to see that weeds are not permitted to grow along the streets and public places and that instead flowers are cultivated to add to the general appearance of our town.

### New Fad Takes the Town

While the store at Wabash is the central place of interest and a forum for the decision of questions of all kind, those who gather there also find time to participate in the latest fad, which at present is Chinese checkers. Everyone is becoming adept at the game and each night some spirited contests are engaged in.

### TO RETURN ESCAPED CONVICT

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 18 (UP)—Harry W. Jepperson and D. T. Higbee officials of the Nebraska reformatory, planned to leave here for Lincoln today with Ernest Armicarella one of four youths who escaped Thursday. The four stole a car and were speeding toward Mexico when the machine veered from the road and crashed. Veron Lee, 21, Nebr. City, was killed, Wilbur Miller 20, of Eldorado, Illinois was fatally injured and Armicarella and Samuel Sutton, 21 of Norfolk, Nebraska were injured. Sutton's injuries were so serious that physicians advised against returning him to the reformatory today. Lee's body was taken to Nebraska City last night. Miller's body will be buried here.

## AVOCA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ball Weber, who reside in South Dakota, have returned home after a visit at points in Minnesota and here.

George Shackley was a visitor in Lincoln last Tuesday, having some matters there to look after and also meeting his many friends.

Alfred Roelofs was shelling and delivering corn to the elevator, getting it in before the heavy snow, while the roads were good.

The Housekeepers Union met with their fellow member, Mrs. John Mohr, last Tuesday, where a most pleasant afternoon was enjoyed.

Carl O. Zaiser and wife gave a party for some fifty of their friends one evening last week. Bridge was played and a fine luncheon enjoyed.

Henry Smith, the trucker, was taken with mumps last week, and as they have been very severe, he has not been able to look after his trucking business.

While Fred Marquardt was attending the farm sale of the home of Burriel Wolfe last Tuesday, Earl Freeman was looking after the work at the elevator.

Peter Jorgensen, Sr., who has been living in a rental property since disposing of his home, has purchased another residence property in which the family are now residing.

Rev. R. D. Hall, former pastor of the Congregational church here, and wife, were guests last Sunday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Switzer of Nehawka.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wessell gave a Valentine party to members of the Senior class of the Avoca high school in honor of their daughter, Miss Pauline, who is one of the forthcoming graduates.

Senator Fred L. Carsten was at home over the week end, returning in Wabash last Wednesday distributing oils and gasoline to his customers here.

Bobbie McDonald, who is manager of the oil station since Marius Neilson leased the same, went to work last week and is well pleased with the work compared with chopping wood, which he has been doing for some time.

Charles W. Everett, who is employed by the Nebraska Power Co., at Weeping Water, was looking after business for the company here last Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Everett, and brother and sister, who reside in Avoca.

Jack Hallstrom was just recovering from the mumps when his brother Bob came down with them. The illness of Bob has been a severe blow to the Avoca basketball team, coming almost on the eve of the Cass county tournament at Elmwood the last three days of last week. Bob has been one of the outstanding players on the local quintet.

### Hold Legion Meeting Here

The Syracuse American Legion post, which numbers among its membership quite a few of the ex-service men of this vicinity, held its regular meeting in Avoca last Tuesday evening. Members of the post residing at Syracuse and Otoe joined the local membership in a very pleasant meeting at which there were also guests present from the Weeping Water and Nehawka posts. Following the business session, a luncheon and social evening was enjoyed.

### Men's Club Get-Together

The Community Men's club, which has a large and active membership held another of their popular get-togethers last Thursday evening. A large number of the members were present to enjoy the program and lunch that was served.

### Different Than Now

Fifty-two years ago, J. H. F. Ruge, then somewhat of a boy moved from the farm home to make his living in Avoca and for a time was employed by others, but later engaged in business for himself. He distinctly recalls the day they moved into town, the snow being deep and they making the trip with sled and then had to make the trip by a circuitous route, in some instances even driving over fences where the snow was drifted and crusted over. Since coming to town, Mr. Ruge has resided here continuously and is well pleased with Avoca as a place in which to live.

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## Elmwood News

While Charles West and wife were on Auburn last Tuesday, their son Kenneth was looking after the barber shop.

Kenneth West has purchased 300 baby chicks, which he intends to raise, and hopes to have some early fries on the market.

Emmett Cook, the rural mail carrier, was looking after business matters in Lincoln Wednesday of last week, driving over to the big town after having completed his route.

Ronald Schlichtemeier was looking after some business matters in Lincoln last Tuesday and while he was away, the garage was looked after by his assistant, Donald Kelley.

Mr. Lucy Lyle, chief operator at the Elmwood telephone exchange, and her daughter, Mrs. Floy Buell, were looking after some business matters over the county last Tuesday afternoon.

George Miller of Murdock was a visitor in Elmwood last Tuesday, coming to look after business and renew acquaintance with his many old friends, as he formerly made his home in Elmwood.

V. G. Clements and wife, with his sister, Miss Marie C. Clements and Mrs. Emily Gonzales were in Lincoln Monday of last week, which was observed as the Lincoln birthday holiday, and visited friends there for the day.

Edward Pennerman and wife, who have been making their home in Omaha for some time were guests in Elmwood the past few days, stopping at the home of Herman Pennerman, and also enjoying visits with numerous friends here.

### Again at Home Sick

Charles E. Wood, who has been fighting against sickness and trying to get going again after his siege of the flu, had to return to his home and bed for a few days. He came down to the store for a little while Tuesday, but soon returned home to rest until he is stronger.

### Disposes of Bull Pup

Charles West, the barber, who is considerable of a dog fancier and has sold a number of bull dogs, disposed of a pup last week which is to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma. A gentleman from there saw the pup while in Elmwood some time ago, and took a fancy to the dog. Mr. and Mrs. West took the pup to Auburn last Tuesday, where the purchaser met them and took the dog back home with him to Tulsa.

### Community Building Improved

Workmen have been busy recently making some important changes in the Elmwood community building, and were able to get the work pretty well done in time for the holding of the Cass county basketball tournament here the last three days of the week. The dressing rooms were altered and made more accessible to the playing floor, the showers put in shape and the floor improved, as well as various other minor details that needed attention. The keeping up of a building of this size costs some money, but not nearly as much in proportion as if it were let run down and then face the necessity of making extensive repairs. The building is a credit to the town and provides a worth-while meeting place for all sorts of activities and we are glad to note the disposition on the part of those in charge to keep it in good repair.

### Restoring Farm Buildings

Buildings on the G. R. Eveland farm which were recently destroyed by fire are being replaced at a rapid rate. The crib and granary have been completed, also the cattle sheds and the foundation for the large size barn is about ready for erection of the superstructure. In a few weeks the entire set of buildings will have been replaced, and the farm, long one of the best equipped in this part of the county, will have a set of outbuildings even better than before the fire loss. It is discouraging and costly to see a complete set of farm buildings destroyed, but Mr. and Mrs. Eveland with the aid of partial insurance on their loss, set about promptly having them replaced.

The new Self-Seal envelopes with Hammermill cabinet stationery. A special price during February, including printing of name or initials. Ask to see them.

### Journal Job Department.

River navigation will open up a new industrial field in the smaller Nebraska river towns.

## SOUTH BEND

Mr. Weaver and son Glen drove to Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thimgan and family spent Monday with Mrs. William Kirtrell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Horton of Plattsmouth called on Mrs. F. J. Knecht last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill and Vernon spent Wednesday evening at the Chas. Campbell home.

Henry Becker and family, of Union called on Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Knecht Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Knecht, Mrs. Albert Glaubitz and Mrs. George Braun were Omaha visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fidler and Elaine and Mrs. V. D. Livers spent Tuesday evening at the E. L. Copey home.

Mrs. William Kirtrell returned home Saturday after spending a week with her children in Lincoln. Miss Betty Clouse is staying with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carnicle and Wayne and Kenneth Carnicle were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carnicle at Plattsmouth.

Loran Vogel was a Sunday dinner guest of Kenneth Livers. It was Kenneth's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dill also called during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Laughlin and son of Ashland were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fidler. The group spent the evening at the M. E. Bushnell home.

Sunday evening callers at the F. J. Knecht home were Mr. and Mrs. John Kupke and Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill and Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dill and Jamie.

Mrs. Wm. Blum accompanied her brother, James Christensen and sister, Mrs. Marie Hoffman, of Lincoln, to North Platte Wednesday to visit their brother-in-law, who is ill in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fidler and Mrs. E. L. Copey motored to Lincoln Wednesday to attend the funeral of Eula Mae Shroyer, who was a niece of J. H. Fidler.

The Friendly Circle club met on Thursday with Mrs. Iva Copey. Mrs. Helen Carnicle and Mrs. V. D. Livers were assisting hostesses. The next meeting will be held February 23, at the J. D. Fidler home.

Mrs. Selma Stander and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rohrdanz of near Manly have moved to Mrs. Stander's farm south of town, where Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham have been living for several years. They have moved to a farm near Weeping Water.

### Birthday Dinner

Sunday dinner guests at the L. J. Roebor home were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stander of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Mooney and sons, Misses Dorothy Reister, LaVerne and Geraldine Gakemeier. The dinner was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mooney and Leonard Roebor, whose birthdays all occur in February.

### Organize 4-H Clubs

The boys and girls 4-H club held an organization meeting Tuesday evening at the South Bend school house. The boys organized a forestry and bird club with Jack Fidler as president; Billy Mooney, vice president; Bill Fidler, secretary; Kenneth Carnicle, news reporter. Their leader is B. O. Mooney and William Blum is assistant leader.

The girls organized a sewing club with Carol Straight as president; Jean Thiessen, vice president; Marjorie Fidler, secretary; Donna Thiessen, news reporter. No leader has been selected yet.

## Greenwood

Ramon Newkirk was in Omaha on business Friday.

The condition of Aron Wright remains about the same.

Clyde Newkirk returned to Greenwood the past week after working at Columbus for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Marloff, Miss Lucille Leesley and Miss Velma Waldrat were in Omaha Thursday.

The Dorcas Society met at the church Friday with Miss Alice Boucher and Mrs. Boucher entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shepler of Springfield helped Mrs. Ruth Dyer celebrate her 78th birthday Wednesday, February 15.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bogenrief have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant boy born last Monday, February 13.

Mrs. Robb was taken to the St.

Elizabeth hospital Thursday by her daughter, Mrs. Tom Maher. She had the misfortune to fall and break her hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Marcotte, of Lincoln, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday, February 17. Mrs. Marcotte was formerly Helen Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walling, of Fremont were dinner guests at the L. C. Marvin home last Sunday. They also called at the N. D. Talcott home while here.

Ramon Newkirk, Mrs. Elsie Kelly and Lucille accompanied Irene Kelly to Lincoln Thursday, from where she took an evening train for Scottsbluff, Nebr.

The Cemetery Association will meet with Mrs. Norma McNurlin on Wednesday, February 22. They are making plans for their supper and bazaar April 8.

Jack Gribble is nicely located in the drug store building, where he moved his stock of groceries the past week. He expects to hold a formal opening this coming Saturday.

Mrs. Morris Kyles is ill at the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln.

Mrs. Ray McNurlin was in town Friday making preparations to move their household goods to Lincoln. The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson underwent a mastoid operation at the Bryan Memorial hospital Tuesday. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

### Class C District Tournament

Greenwood will be host to a class C district basketball tournament on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, December 22, 23, 24 and 25. Teams from Murdock, Nehawka, Avoca, Springfield, Elmwood, Walton, Eagle, Raymond, Waterloo, Alvo and Greenwood will participate.

The Greenwood boys have been doing some fine playing this season and will appreciate your support at the tournament games. Not every town is able to attract a tournament and we hope the home folks will show their appreciation by turning out in large numbers. The teams are all pretty well matched and the contests should be close and interesting. We will give our readers the complete results in next Monday's paper, sending a special report on Saturday night's championship and consolation games to be included with the scores and highlights of those played earlier in the week.

### Husbands Guests at Card Party

Mrs. Myrtle Cameron entertained the Deal-a-Deck card club members and their husbands Tuesday night, assisted by Mrs. Martha Peters and Mrs. Laura Trunkenholz. Mrs. Brehm won high among the women and Jack Gribble had high score among the men. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

### WORK ADVANCES ON RESTORATION OF CLUNY ABBEY

CLUNY, France (UP)—American archaeology experts have nearly terminated their excavation and restoration work on the Benedictine Abbey of Cluny, believed to be the first Gothic structure ever built in France.

The work is being conducted under the supervision of Prof. Kenneth J. Conant of the Harvard School of Architecture.

Last year's work was centered on the nave of the Abbey, built between 955 and 981 A. D., the north wall of the chapter house and the debris of the Abbe Ponce cloister. The Cluny research began in 1929, was continued in 1931, 1932, 1937 and 1938. It is sponsored by the Medieval Academy of America.

Previous years work has been concentrated on the church of the Abbey, which was demolished a century and a quarter ago. When completed the Abbey will be one of the most beautiful Gothic structures restored in Europe.

Prof. Conant reports that the work will require several years more and he hopes to obtain sufficient funds to carry on until the job is finished without interruption.

### GIRL RATED AS RIVAL FOR 'PECK'S BAD BOY'

PASADENA, Cal. (UP)—Motorman Louis Tonopolsky thinks he knows "Peck's Bad Girl."

As a little girl he knows boarded his train, she asked him to pull the trigger of a small watch-charm revolver.

He did so. The pistol banged. A miniature bullet lodged in his finger. He went to the Emergency hospital to have the fragments removed.

They warned him against lockjaw. Then as it was really a "gun-shot wound," hospital attendants were obliged to notify the police, and the police had to investigate.

## Felon Classes Edit Glossary of 'Stir' Terms

Compilers Haven's "Gone Over the Blue Wall," So It's Factual—Insanity Well Covered.

By JEAN HOFFMAN

PLAINESVILLE, O. (UP)—A man in "stir" knows it does not matter if he "kisses the bricks" once he has "gone over the blue wall"—or, in non-prison parlance, a prisoner after going insane no longer cares whether he is released.

These expressions are included in dictionaries of prison slang compiled by English composition classes at southern Michigan's state prison, at Jackson, under the guidance of Prof. Howard G. Baker. Baker, now associate professor of English at Lake Erie college, in Painesville, conducted the prison classes when he was a member of the University of Michigan's English department.

Prison slang varies somewhat according to geographical differences, but the expression "the blue wall" is common in several regions, Baker found. It signifies the "imaginary" dividing line between sanity and insanity, and when a prison inmate loses his mind he is said to have "gone over the blue wall," one of the dictionaries explains.

### Insanity Well Covered

Other expressions indicating that a prisoner is insane, or near insanity, are: "blow one's top" and "stir simple," "stir crazy" or "stir bugs." The latter three phrases are applied to those whose minds have become distorted by long confinement. Many "stir slang" expressions have passed into general language usage and their origin almost has been forgotten. Here are a few such terms:

"On the pan" (being slandered), "snow" (narcotics), "seram and blow" (get out) and "muscle in" (encroach on someone else's territory.) The lesser-known expressions, however, seem the most picturesque to the person who is not "stir-wise" (who has not been in prison).

If such a person would go to prison he would be classified as "fresh meat" or "fish." He might be fortunate and get a "hot minute" (short term); then again he might have to "do the book" (a life sentence).

The dictionaries are specific in describing the exact lengths of a man's prison term. One year is an "ace," two years a "deuce," five years a "fin," and 20 years is "ten-spot" or "saw." A term, in general, is "a bit" or "a jolt" or (a more widely known word) "a rap." A man is "on a bum rap" when he has been sentenced for a crime which he did not commit.

### 'Roll-Over' Happy Event

The happiest time of a man-in-stir's life is the "roll over"—the night before he is released from custody. Before the "roll-over" at Jackson prison he has to "see the man," or have an interview with the parole commissioner. He is given a "hop," if he is refused parole.

Escape from prison alive is "taking it on the Arthur," but death in an escape is a "back-door parole."

The slang compilations also list terms for the different sections of a prison. The "soup house" is the dining room and a cell is designated as an "apartment."

A "stick up" is not an up-to-the-minute expression—"elevate" or "hustle" are more current. A robbery involves a "beat" (revolver) and "zazus" (money).

If you "hit the ball" (work strenuously) for your money, beware of a "paper hanger" forger or passer of "rubber" checks because he is not "kosher." "Kosher" means not guilty.

### 'Star Student' Explains

One erudite member of the "dictionary of prison idiom" class voluntarily handed in an extra assignment. This "stir-wise" and evidently well-traveled man described the different ways of expressing "stranger" in various parts of the United States. His explanation was detailed, but some excerpts from it are:

"The eastern word 'cull,' used in reference to strangers, is almost parallel with the middle-western 'Jim,' but with this difference: 'cull' is used in speaking either to or of both strangers and friends; while 'Jim,' which signifies suspicion, hostility and contempt, never is used as a word of address to a friend.

'Jim' is employed only in conversation with a stranger or enemy. 'West of the Mississippi river—as far west as the Rockies—the word 'Jack' is favored for a stranger. This term has a suggestion of friendliness and curiosity."