

### Anniversary of First Legal Cass County Hanging

Harry Hill Executed at County Jail Here for Murder of Matt Akeson, March 1, 1895.

From Wednesday's Daily— Today marks the forty-fourth anniversary of the first and only legal execution in Cass county, when Harry Hill was hanged by the neck in the yard of the Cass county jail in this city on March 1, 1895.

The crime for which Hill was executed was that of the murder of Matt Akeson, a well known farmer of south of Louisville, in the fall of 1892, the execution culminating the legal battle that had been made to keep Hill from the scaffold.

Hill, with a companion, John Benwell, had come to the Akeson home and hired out to help in the corn gathering, working for a couple of days and then quitting their employer. Later the same evening Hill and Benwell again visited the home and entered as the Akeson family were at supper. The two men entered and commanded the members of the Akeson family to hold up their hands, at the same time starting firing with a revolver. Matt Akeson, the father, was shot through the left side, severing the main artery to his heart, causing instant death. Another shot struck the son in the abdomen.

The two men, Hill and Benwell, were arrested sometime later, hiding under a bridge in the Manley-Weeping Water community, Sheriff William Tighe and a posse making the capture.

The trial of the case was one of the most sensational in Cass county history, Judge S. M. Chapman presiding on the bench and Harvey D. Travis, later a district judge was the prosecuting attorney, while Matthew Gering, brilliant criminal lawyer, was delegated to carry on the defense.

In the course of the period from the conviction to the final judgment of the supreme court Judge Travis and Mr. Tighe retired from office, and at the time of the execution in March 1895, J. C. Eikenbary was the sheriff that had charge of the hanging.

The execution was witnessed by a large number of persons, admitted by the card of Sheriff Eikenbary, it being held in the yard of the old jail, then located on Pearl street between Third and Fourth streets. One of those who witnessed the execution was Judge C. L. Graves, then a newspaper man at Union.

Later the body was taken to the undertaking rooms of J. I. Unruh, in where is now located the Schmidt-mann store, a crowd of some 2,000 passing through to gaze on the body of the unfortunate man. This is recalled by Anton Trilety of this city who was then an assistant of Mr. Unruh in his business.

Benwell received a life sentence and was in years later given a pardon and released.

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### YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at the home of the bride's parents in the south part of the city, occurred the marriage of Miss Anna Margaret Sell youngest daughter of Mrs. Carl Sell and Mr. John William Bressman, Jr., of Bellevue, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Bressman, Sr.

The impressive marriage service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church and a large group of the relatives of the young people were present from Omaha, Bellevue and this city.

The young people were attended by Miss Lova Sell, sister of the bride as bridesmaid and Chester Bressman, brother of the groom as best man.

Following the marriage ceremony the bridal party were entertained at luncheon at the Sell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bressman are to make their home in Bellevue and expect to start housekeeping at once.

### ENJOYS FINE TRIP

Miss Anne Knieke arrived home Sunday after a very enjoyable sight-seeing trip to the west coast. Miss Knieke spent the past two weeks vacationing and touring the many high points in Wyoming, Utah, and California. She had the pleasure of witnessing the World's Fair at San Francisco, California, this being the most thrilling part of the trip. While in Wyoming Miss Knieke had the pleasure of visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Albert, formerly of Plattsmouth, who were married just recently. Mrs. Albert being formerly Miss Esther Oltejenbruns, sister of Mrs. Arnold Lillie of this city. In California she was a guest and visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Will and family, former residents of Plattsmouth.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank R. Molak and family had as Sunday guests and visitors Mr. and Mrs. Neil Finnegan, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Guild, Gerald McGinn, Marion Grace Finnegan, and Mary Haney, all of Omaha, and Page Hillenbeck of Oxford, Indiana.

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### Many Attend Declamatory Monday Night

Winners to Participate in the District Declamatory Contests—Many Fine Numbers.

From Tuesday's Daily— Despite the disagreeable weather a large group of the school friends and patrons attended the annual declamatory contest last evening at the Plattsmouth high school auditorium at 7:30. The inclement weather forced many to remain home.

John Jacobs opened the program with a beautiful solo, "The End of a Perfect Day," with Ruth Westover serving as the accompanist.

The following is the program heard during the evening:

John Tidball was the only contestant in the original oratory and spoke on the topic "Democracy Dramatized." He will represent the school in the district contest.

The contestants in the interpretative oratory were Gertrude Clويد, who had as her subject, "The Cock-tail Hour," and Stephen Devoe who spoke very convincingly on the subject, "The Lost Generation." In this division Devoe was the winner of first honors and Miss Clويد second.

Clayton Sack was the only contestant in the extemporaneous division and spoke on the subject, "Agricultural Problems in the United States." Mr. Sack spoke mainly on the rural electrification problems of the farm and told of the three power projects now in progress by the public works administration. He will represent the school in the district contest.

The humorous division had four contestants and each performed their part well. The contestants were: Kathryn Brink, "Brotherly Love," Mary McCarroll, "One Big Happy Family," Dorothea Duxbury, "As Mother Always Says," and Shirley Walling, "Robert Makes Love." Miss Walling was first in the judging and Miss McCarroll awarded second.

The sixth division of the contest was the oral interpretation of poetry and prose. This was a new section this year. The contestants drew two selections an hour before the contest and then chose one within ten minutes. The contestants read their selection and were rated for interpretation, enunciation and articulation. The time limit was three minutes. This section comprised James Sandin who spoke on "The Value of the Union," Edythe Lushinsky spoke on "Speech in Reply to Debate," Mary McCarroll had as her subject, "The Gift of the Magic," Jacqueline Wetenkamp, "The Old Train," and Clare Kauble, who submitted a poem. The highest honor was awarded to James Sandin, and a tie for second between Edythe Lushinsky and Jacqueline Wetenkamp.

The dramatic division was one that was enjoyed by all present and was one in which great effort and skill was displayed by the contestants. "Submerged" was given by Edythe Lushinsky; "A Message to Khufu" by Allan White; "Julius Caesar" by Jacqueline Wetenkamp, and "Cata-racts" by Margaret Sylvester. Allan White was awarded first honor and Miss Sylvester second.

Allan White rendered a trumpet solo, "The Gypsy Love Song" with Ruth Westover as the accompanist.

At the conclusion of the contest a one-act play, "Little Oscar" was presented in a splendid manner by the following cast: Henry ----- James Sandin Josie ----- Corrine Drucker Fred ----- Warren Reed Gusie ----- Dorothea Fulton

The judges for the evening were: Mrs. Charles Howard, Mrs. J. Howard Davis, and Rev. Paul Dick who found the task of naming the winners a very difficult one.

The contest was very much enjoyed by all those in attendance. An extensive amount of credit is due Mr. Lumir Gerner, who served as director of the affair and he was ably

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### MANY ATTEND GARDEN CLUB

A large delegation of local garden club members were in Omaha Saturday to attend the First District conference of Federated Garden clubs of Nebraska which was held at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. E. H. Wescott is president of the organization, Mrs. Luke Wiles, secretary, and Mrs. P. T. Heineman is chairman of bird conservation. All of these women, with the exception of Mrs. Wescott, were able to be in attendance.

Eighty-four were present at the luncheon served at the noon hour. The tables were elaborately decorated. Mrs. L. W. Egenberger of this city serving on the decoration committee.

Mrs. Fred Grouseman, president of the Nebraska Federated Garden clubs, presided over the business discussion and the program which was given during the afternoon. A business discussion on the garden problems of the day was discussed after the luncheon. Mrs. Gardner of Des Moines, Iowa, spoke on "Unity in Garden Clubs," and Mrs. Lily Reug-Button of Fremont gave a talk on "Bird Songs," identifying the birds through their songs. Moving pictures entitled "Nebraska Beautiful" were shown.

Those attending from this city as delegates of the Garden club were: Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, Mrs. P. T. Heineman, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and daughter, Dorothea Mae, Mrs. Lillian Freeman, Misses Clara Weyrich and Amelia Martens, Frank Karvanek, Anna Harris, and Mrs. Luke Wiles.

### MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The February meeting was held February 24 with a very large attendance, the program being presented by the East Side committee.

The "Battle of the Sexes" contest held the crowd in unusual interest. The ladies were Mrs. Katherine Howard, Mrs. Jennie Wiles, Mrs. Alice Perry, Mrs. Vivian Hild, and Miss Grace Louise Wiles, answering their questions cleverly.

The men's team was kept a secret until time for the program and comprised Edward Wehrlein, Clayton Sack, Will Nolte, Roy Cole and Rev. Paul Dick, the men answering their questions so accurately they won the decision of the evening by a few points. The announcer for the ladies was Helene Perry and for the men was Raymond Cook.

To give the contestant a chance to see what the audience could do, Cook asked them several questions that proved exciting. The judge and timekeeper was Richard Spangler who gave a well deserved decision.

### MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The regular meeting of the Mynard Community club was held on Jan. 27. A large number attended the program sponsored by the West Side committee. David Fowler, the Plattsmouth high school music supervisor gave several violin selections, being accompanied by Mrs. L. S. Devoe.

Of great interest to the friends were the pictures shown by Dr. Heineman of the community club picnic held in August, also of his flower garden and of the Minnesota flower gardens and other pictures of interest.

### SUFFERS INJURED FOOT

George Tartsch is confined to his home as the result of an injury to a foot. He stepped on a nail that penetrated into the bottom of the foot and has made the injury very painful and placed the victim of the accident on the inactive list.

### NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable W. W. Wilson, Judge of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, entered an order on February 24, 1939, in the matter of the application of Clara E. Murdoch, executrix of the estate of George A. Murdoch, deceased, for license to sell real estate, which said order postpones the confirmation of the sale of the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Northwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Ten (10), Range Thirteen (13), and the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Eleven (11), Range Thirteen (13), all in Cass County, Nebraska—

which was heretofore offered for sale by the executrix of said estate on February 11, 1939. It was ordered by said Court that the matter would be continued until March 6, 1939, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time the sale heretofore had would be confirmed, unless additional bids were received on said real estate.

ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON SAID REAL ESTATE PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ONE OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

Clara E. Murdoch, Executrix NEHAWKA, NEBRASKA J. Howard Davis, Attorney PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

### SOCIAL

From Monday's Daily—

Attend Dancing Party— Mr. and Mrs. George Lash of Nebraska City were here Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Donat, the party with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hendricks attending a dance at Peony Park at Omaha in the evening.

Honored on Anniversary— Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Minnear entertained at a 12 o'clock luncheon Sunday at their home on Main street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Carburg who observed their 26th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Those present were: Walter Minnear and daughters, Frances and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Minnear, and the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Carburg.

Entertains Friends— Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shaeffer entertained a group of friends and neighbors at a home gathering party at their home on Wintersteen hill Saturday evening. A number of the close associates were present.

The evening was spent in playing cards, bingo and Chinese checkers. Following the party Mrs. Shaeffer served refreshments. Those present were: Delbert Nord, Howard Nord, Victor Nord, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlessel and daughter, Phyllis Louise, Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Kalasek, Harold Schaeffer, Vivian Hoenschell, Earl Lindner, Mr. and Mrs. Walfred Nord, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bomberg, Helen Franke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seay and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shaeffer.

Enjoyable Family Dinner Party— A large number of relatives were present at the family dinner party at the W. N. Brink home Sunday. The occasion was in honor of two of the Brink daughters, Gertrude and Dorothy, who have become brides during the last few weeks, and their husbands, Bronson Timm and Jack

Don't Put All Your Eggs in One Basket Engage in Diversified Farming for More Profit, Advises Norfolk Packing Company Head.

The Norfolk Packing Co. plant in Plattsmouth, managed by E. H. Bernhardt, is bringing many dollars into this community, not alone to the farmers who sell their products to them but to this entire section and the people they employ. Any farmer who wants ready cash for his products should contract with the Norfolk Packing Co. each year for the acreage of these products. In addition to being crops one can cultivate along with their other crops, the pay is very satisfactory on all the products they contract for. Their plant is equipped with the most modern machinery for the production of high grade canned goods. The products they pack are recognized all over the country as being the best obtainable and a growing demand for Norfolk pack goods is ample proof of this fact. People of this section owe a debt of gratitude to the Norfolk Packing company that can best be paid by keeping them supplied with products sufficient to operate at full capacity. They endeavor to secure the best that is produced, which is prepared in a most sanitary manner for the trade. Everything around their plant is spotlessly clean and sanitary. We are pleased to call attention of Journal readers to the Norfolk Packing Co. and the valuable service they are rendering the people of this territory.

Hess. The Timms were married January 30 and the Hesses last Tuesday, February 21, at New Albany, Indiana, where Dorothy has been located several years as an X-ray technician. Mr. and Mrs. Hess arrived here the latter part of the week for a brief visit.

The dining room decorations were yellow jonquils and orchid sweet sweet peas. Nearly two score enjoyed the fine repast, extending congratulations and best wishes to the bridal couples.

Those present included the Henry Timm family, the Joseph Knopp family of Hastings, the Peter Meehan family of York, Miss Leona Price, Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Timm, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hess and the W. N. Brink family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess return tomorrow to New Albany, where they will make their home.

### Hold Coffee—

The Holy Rosary Altar society held a coffee luncheon Sunday afternoon at the parish club rooms from 3 to 6 p. m. Due to the very good weather, a large crowd attended the affair. Hostesses for the afternoon were: Miss Anna Jrousek, Mrs. Frank Chovanec, Mrs. Joseph Kanka, Mrs. Ernest Janda, and Mrs. Michael Bajek.

### Surprised on Birthday—

Mrs. E. L. Creamer was given a very pleasant surprise Sunday afternoon when a party of the relatives and friends visited the home to assist in the observance of her birthday anniversary. The event had been planned and very cleverly carried out

by Mr. Creamer in honor of the wife. The afternoon was spent in playing royal Rummy and pinochle and in which prizes were won by Miss Cleda Koukal and Warren Wheeler.

At the close of the afternoon a very much appreciated luncheon was served the members of the party, this feature of the pleasant anniversary being prepared by Mrs. Ruth Koukal and daughter, Cleda.

In honor of the anniversary Mrs. Creamer received a number of very beautiful remembrances.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Al Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huffer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alexander, of Omaha, Edward Fitzgerald, Francis Heatherington, Mrs. Ruth Koukal, Miss Cleda Koukal, Warren Wheeler, of Louisville, Mrs. E. Thrall and Mr. and Mrs. Creamer.

### From Tuesday's Daily—

Entertains School Group— Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Marchie Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cottimer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Laux, all of Omaha were weekend visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Eaton.

Mr. Collins is the head football and basketball coach at South Omaha high school, and Marchie Schwartz is athletic director of Creighton University of Omaha.

### DRAWS SUSPENDED SENTENCE

In county court Tuesday afternoon Harold Manners was given a fine of \$25 and costs for assault and battery, the fine to be suspended on the good behavior of the defendant.

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<b>COFFEE</b> Butter-Nut Reg. or Drip, 2-lb. Tin or Jar 49c <b>COFFEE</b> Joe's Economy Fresh Ground, 3 lbs. .... 39c <b>FLOUR</b> Lighthouse, 48-lb. Bag . 81c <b>CRISCO</b> or Spry Shortening 3-lb. can ..... 50c	<b>SUGAR</b> Gran. Beet Full 10-lb. Net Wt. Cloth Bag 45c <b>CORN FLAKES</b> MILLER'S 3 Pkgs. .... 25c <b>OXYDOL</b> or RINSO Large Pkg. .... 21c <b>SOAP</b> P & G, Crystal White or O-K, Giant Bars, each ..... 4c
<b>CRACKERS</b> M. B. C. Brand White Sodas 2-lb. Box 12c <b>SALAD DRESSING</b> or Relish 26-oz. Jar . 23c <b>COFFEE</b> Paxton Gas Roasted, tin or jar, 1-lb., 23c; 2-lbs. .... 45c <b>SALMON</b> Red Alaska Sockeye Windmill, 1-lb. tin. 21c	<b>Grapefruit</b> Texas Seedless Juicy 10 for 25c <b>MULLEN'S MEAT DEPARTMENT</b> Phone 95 and 93. We have Four Deliveries Daily 8:30 a. m. 10:30 a. m. 2:00 p. m. 4:00 p. m. <b>BEEF ROAST</b> , extra fancy quality, lb. .... 17c <b>BEEF SHOULDER STEAK</b> , lb. .... 19c <b>PLATE BOIL</b> , per lb. .... 11c <b>BEEF STEW</b> , Cut, No Bone, lb. .... 17c
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