

## MURDOCK ITEMS

Homer H. Lawton was looking after business matters in Ashland on Saturday of last week.

Ray Gamlin was at Syracuse last Wednesday, taking a horse over to be entered in the community sale.

Frank A. Melvin was looking after business matters at Ashland last Saturday, driving over to see some parties there.

Mrs. Formanek returned home the first of the week from a visit of several days in Omaha at the home of her daughter.

I. C. McCrorey is installing another underground gasoline tank in order to provide more storage room at the service station.

Donald Rikli has recovered from an attack of flu, but his brother, Warren, contracted the same malady and has been ill for several days.

W. O. Gillespie was called to Weeping Water on Monday to look after business matters and also enjoyed meeting a number of friends while there.

G. R. Eveland of near Elmwood was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday and while here purchased a new Allis Chalmers tractor and the accompanying farm tools for use on his farm.

F. A. Melvin, the carpenter, has been laying a new oak floor in the office of the hotel, which puts the room in excellent condition. Other work is also being done to improve the hostelry.

John Gakemeier and Wm. Bourke, the local precinct assessor, were in Avoca last Tuesday, where they looked after business matters for the day. While there they met their old friend, Bobbie McDonald, who operates a service station there.

Milton G. Keedy and wife came up from their home at Beatrice and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ward several days last week. While here they attended the commencement exercises of the Murdock high school, their nephew, Wayland Ward, being one of the graduates.

### Mothers' Day in East

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gillespie departed the latter part of last week on an auto trip that takes them to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, to spend Mother's Day at the home of Mrs. Gillespie's parents.

### Entertained Ladies Aid

Mesdames Paul Schewe and Vernon Schewe were hostesses to the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church on Friday, May 6th. A good number were present. A social hour and luncheon followed the business session.

### Pleased with New Charge

Letters from Rev. George P. Clarke and wife state they are well pleased with their new home in Phoenix, Arizona, where Rev. Clarke has accepted a charge as pastor of the Christian church. Mrs. Clarke is a sister of A. H. Ward of Murdock.

### Beautifying Place of Business

Miss Geraldine Schmidt, the beautician, and Eddie Craig, the tonsorial artist, have been busy cleaning up their place of business. The interior has been repainted and the furniture touched up and the place now looks as fresh as a spring morning.

### Baccalaureate Address Sunday

The baccalaureate address to the graduating class was delivered last Sunday evening at the parlors of the Murdock church by Rev. F. C. Weber. The church was filled to capacity and all enjoyed the words of wisdom to the young folks who are completing their high school careers and stepping out into the busy world to make a place for themselves in industrial and business circles or go farther up the educational ladder by entering college this coming fall.

### Commencement Exercises

Last Thursday marked the end of the school year in the Murdock schools. On that day the high school students enjoyed a picnic and the commencement program was held in the evening. The following day there was a general school picnic, enjoyed by the pupils, parents, teachers and general public.

Members of the graduating class include Ruth Ruge, Eunice Kuehn, Sylvia Miller, Hannah Menke, James Mills, Evan Schlaphoff, Maurice McDonald, Silas Schlaphoff, D. Bornedier, Pearl Ruetar, Elsie Timm, Lee O'Brien and LaVina Cardes.

### Hold Quarterly Conference

The three Evangelical churches of this community, the one in town, the Callahan church and what is

known as the Louisville church, held their quarterly conference last Saturday and Sunday. The presiding elder, Rev. E. F. Haist, was present to conduct the services and preside over the business session. A good attendance is reported, especially at the Sunday sessions.

### Deickmann Sale Postponed

Due to some irregularities in the matter of publication of the notice of sale of the Deickmann property, scheduled for last Saturday, the sale has been postponed to a later date, about a month hence, when due notice of the date and place will be given.

### Senior Class Visits Omaha

A part of the education gathered in our present day school system is based on seeing and in accordance with the prevailing custom, the Senior class of the Murdock schools had their so-called "Sneak Day" sight-seeing trip last week, going to Omaha, where they were able to visit a number of places of interest. As none of the instructors could get away to accompany them, they went with Albert Theil, who drives the school bus, and who acted as chaperone to the group.

### Splendid Meeting at Callahan

One of the series of meetings being sponsored by the Ministerial association of Cass county was held at Callahan church last Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance, the church being filled to capacity. These meetings are proving very successful and much interest shown in their continuation. They have been held at periodic intervals during the past year, first at one place and then another.

### Visited Their Neighbors

A number of the members of the Royal Neighbors of America of Murdock were at Manley last Wednesday afternoon, attending the card party given by the Altar Society of the St. Patrick's Catholic church. There is a very friendly relationship between the members of the Royal Neighbors of Murdock and the two societies of Manley, the Royal Neighbors and the Altar Society. The Murdock ladies report a most pleasant time.

### To Observe Memorial Day

Arrangements were made on last Monday, at a meeting held at Wabash, for the observance of Memorial day at the cemetery that is used jointly by the towns of Wabash and Murdock. Committees have been appointed to look after arranging for music, decorating the graves and the securing of a speaker. Lacey McDonald is in charge of Murdock's part of the arrangements and Miss Myrtle Wood is acting in like capacity for the Wabash community. The program will be held Sunday afternoon, May 28th, at 2:00 o'clock.

The Murdock band, under direction of Peter Gradoville, of Plattsmouth, will provide music and the Elmwood American Legion post will furnish its uniformed firing squad in a salute to the deceased veterans buried there.

### Held Enthusiastic Meeting

The advertised Recreational meeting which was looked forward to with interest by local parties desirous of instituting a more varied recreational program here, was held last week as scheduled, but it was necessary to use some local talent for entertainment to take the place of those from Plattsmouth unable to come. The numbers were well received. Mr. Sundstrom, the county Recreational director, had also intended to bring a speaker from the county seat, and failing so to do, he spoke himself on the advantages of the Recreational program as it is set up by the Federal government and is being practiced in many Nebraska towns, both large and small.

Murdock is anxious to avail itself of more of this service, having at the present time only the band project.

### SCHOOL TEACHER SOLOS AFTER 9 HOURS OF STUDY

NORFOLK, Neb. (UP)—The Sharp families of this section are aviation minded.

Mae E. Sharp, Meadow Grove school teacher, made her first solo airplane flight after nine hours of instruction. Her younger sister, Evelyn, also is taking instructions.

The girls are cousins of Evelyn Sharp, of Ord, Neb., well-known Nebraska aviatrix.

Dockage facilities make Plattsmouth an ideal factory site. Welcome and a splendid opportunity to expand should be an inducement to those contemplating a change in location from the more thickly populated centers and flood areas of the east.

## Wabash News

William Bourke was in Wabash to complete the listing of the property in Elmwood precinct, having only a few schedules left to complete his year's work as county assessor.

A new firm of well workers has been developed recently in the personages of Schmidt and Stanley, who were putting the well at the home of Louis Schmidt in good condition and sinking it a little deeper. The matter of securing sufficient water is one that faces many parts of the country and these gentlemen are trying to solve it locally.

### Community Kensington

The community kensington met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McBride, the meeting being attended by a goodly number of the ladies of the community. Much interest was manifested in the plans of the organization for beautifying the city and also in the matter which has agitated every one in the entire community, that of offering for sale the church building which is the last vestige of any place for a public gathering. If it is sold, even funerals would have to be held in other towns, in private homes, or in the open.

There seems to be much indignation over the way things are being handled. Regardless of who holds title to the building, the funds for erection of the structure were raised right here in Wabash and now that the town has only this one last remaining place of assembly, the people of the community are much opposed to it being sold.

They point out that a piano which was paid for by Wabash folks has already been removed and taken to another town without seeking permission from anyone locally, and that just recently the pews were removed and carted away to another town upstate. Now the final straw is added to the case in the posting of notices for the sale of the church building at an early date.

### Suffers Badly Injured Mouth

A group of young ball players came over from Elmwood for a game with the Wabash lads. During the course of the game, Clifford Browne, Jr., in attempting to stop a hot ball which was shot at him, missed it and his face became the backstop for the missile. His mouth was badly cut and bruised and have been swollen and sore ever since. Like the Spartans of old, the lad is taking his accident philosophically and looking forward to getting back into the great American game soon.

### To Observe Memorial Day

Plans are going forward for the observance of Memorial day in Wabash. Lacey McDonald of Murdock is looking after many of the details for this service at the cemetery that serves the two communities, while Miss Myrtle Wood has been assigned the task of supplying a speaker for the occasion.

### Building Has Interesting History

The church building which has sheltered worshippers for more than half a century and which it is proposed to dismantle at this time, has had a very interesting history. It was erected 53 years ago and thru most of the intervening years has been used as an edifice in which to carry on the work of the Master. In recent years it has not been used regularly. When the Methodist organization here ceased to function, the Evangelical church maintained services there with H. A. Norenberg as pastor, and again later services were revived there with Rev. F. C. Weber as pastor. Due to lack of interest and general indifference these services were discontinued, being the last of their kind held there.

A Bible school was also maintained as long as there was any interest, with Sherman Hardaway the most energetic worker. He was not able to give it all the time and attention required, however, and with laxing interest the Sunday school was discontinued.

So here we are at the crossroads of decision. Will the community stand by and let the building be sold and demolished, or will there be a revival of interest for the cause of religion generally and the church building that now faces destruction? What will be done?

### Reminiscing

Many people enjoy reminiscing of the "good old days." And why not? The boys like to recall the days of a half century or more ago, when the railroad was as new as some of our modern day inventions are now, and the depot platform was always crowded with people who were either going some place, were there to

meet friends or just to watch the train come and go—as people did in later years when the auto was new, and even now do when aeroplanes are sighted.

In those earlier days there lived in the vicinity of the thriving village of Wabash a family with several boys (all now grown to manhood) who played a prominent part in this particular episode of our reminiscence series. The boys had been sent to haul manure from the barn and spread it over the fields. The team was foxy and particularly skittish at sight or sound of a train, and so were unhitched from the wagon and tied elsewhere, while it was being loaded near the barn door.

A sentinel or watchman was posted on the top of the shed nearby to watch for the coming of the train, so all could go and see it pass the farmyard and hear the whistle. In their work of loading the wagon and interest in the coming of the train, the boys failed to notice that it began to creep forward on the down grade, and quickly gaining speed it scooted down the hill to the bank of the Weeping Water creek, vaulted over the bank and plunged into the farther side of the creek bed. The tongue was rammed into the ground fully half its length and broken off. Here the piece remained for many years until Ed Obernault, still of Wabash and now residing at Nehawka, secured a chain and a team of horses, and after digging around the stub of the tongue was able to pull it out of its long resting place in the creek bed.

Just another of the incidents of "Old Wabash."

## AVOCA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McDonald of Manley were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald here.

Misses Mattie Voyles and Ruth Wessell were in Weeping Water last Tuesday evening, where they did some shopping.

Tom Akeson, Jesse Voyles and Fred Marquardt shelled and delivered their corn to the Marquardt elevator last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Freeman and their little son were enjoying a visit last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman in Weeping Water.

Mrs. Emma Rawalt was in Lincoln Sunday, where she went to visit with her son, Verne Rawalt, who is a student at the University of Nebraska.

Rev. R. D. Hall, pastor of the Congregational church, accompanied by his wife, were looking after business matters in Weeping Water last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Midkiff and the children were at Union on last Sunday, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Midkiff, parents of Oscar.

Senator Fred L. Carsten was home last Tuesday afternoon, taking advantage of getting away from legislative duties for a few hours to look after work on the farm.

Rev. R. D. Hall and wife, Mrs. E. Bannels and son Leland were enjoying a picnic at Spring Dale over near the Missouri river on last Sunday enjoying the occasion very much.

Mrs. Elmer Hennings and her little daughter were guests of her mother at Louisville. Mrs. Fred Marquardt and little daughter Anna were also guests of her mother for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Marquardt, who are both past 83 years of age, were entertained by their daughter Sunday (Mother's Day). They are both in good health, despite their advanced years.

John Gakemeier and Wm. Bourke, both of Murdock were visiting in Avoca last Tuesday, being guests of Bobbie McDonald and were also looking after some business matters while here.

Vilas Kettlehut and Delbert Switzer of Nehawka were visitors in Avoca Tuesday of last week, being accompanied by Frank Robb and Granville Heebner, who were looking after some business matters for a short time while here.

At the lumber yard to clean out the weeds and grass, they had some 83 head of sheep belonging to Tom Akeson as over night guests and the following morning there was not a blade of grass or a weed to be found anywhere about the place.

Miss Riddell, teacher of the Grammar room, together with the mothers of the students in that room enjoyed a school picnic at Nebraska City one day last week, when they were transported to the picnic by Messrs. E. J. Hallstrom, Tom Akeson, Carl Tefft and Paul Wulph.

### Will Make the Address

L. M. Hauptman, who is making

his home, in Lincoln, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hauptman, of Avoca, has been engaged to make the commencement day address for the Alvo schools on Wednesday, May 18. Prof. Hauptman was superintendent of the Alvo schools for a number of years before going to Lincoln to make his home.

### Found Many Sheep Here

Fred Marquardt had his sheep shorn of their wool last Tuesday. By means of a device which makes the operation a very rapid one, the forty head were relieved of their fleece in a very short time. During the past few weeks the owner of this equipment has sheared some 900 head of sheep in this vicinity, which is considerably more than it was thought are being raised here.

### Attended Oil Dealers Meeting

Bobbie McDonald, manager of the Standard Oil company station in Avoca and Herman Ludwig, were in Lincoln last Monday, where they attended a convention of Standard Oil company dealers in this territory. The meeting lasted to a late hour at night, and included a banquet and entertainment as well as discussion of the problems that beset the oil dealers.

### Junior-Senior Banquet

The Junior-Senior banquet of the Avoca high school was held last Saturday night. A fine meal was enjoyed followed by a program of entertainment and merrymaking. One of the new features was the selection of the most popular student in each of the two classes. The Junior voted on the Senior honoree and chose Miss Geraldine Michel. Seniors in turn voted on the Junior and elected Stuart Maseman for the honor.

### Set Date for Flower Show

The Garden Club was meeting with Miss Bertha Neumeister last Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed a very animated discussion of the subject of flowers and vegetables, enjoying some very fine eats at the close of their conference, and, among other things selected May 27 as the date for their flower show.

### Received Injury to Eye

Mrs. Lula Buss, while engaged in work about her home here Tuesday morning, suffered a fall that proved very severe although no bones were broken. Her head came in contact with a piece of furniture, cutting a severe gash over the left eye. The injury was dressed by her neighbor, Mrs. Hollenberger, and the optic is getting along very nicely now.

### Triple Birthday Celebration

Last Tuesday, Miss Leona Everett, Ernest Norris and Leo Hauptman were celebrating their respective birthdays, although, of course, they are not all of the same age. Congratulations were received by all of the trio from their various friends.

### To Hold Alumni Banquet

Arrangements have been perfected for the holding of the annual Alumni banquet on May 20, which will include all who have graduated from the school since and including the year 1914. A very enjoyable time is expected as the old grads sit down to enjoy a fine repast and recount their own school days.

### Confirmation Service

On Sunday, May 7, at the North Branch church, a class of thirteen was confirmed at a special service that was largely attended. Members of the confirmation class include Hilda Bucholtz, Lydia Meyers, Norma Sedman, Alvin Emshoff, Eldon Emshoff, Harold Horschild, Calvin Heine, Maynard Rippe, Paul Hillman, Raymond Weiler, Willia Wahlers, Wilmar Wahlers and Earle Ruffner.

### TELEPATHY FAILS BLIND MEN

BUTTE, Mont. (UP)—John Selon, blind musician, was walking along the street when he bumped into another man, who expostulated: "Can't you watch where you're going? I'm a blind man." "So am I," replied Selon. A heavy wind had apparently prevented each from hearing or "sensing" the other's approach.

### GAS FIELD IN SUBURB

CLEVELAND (UP)—A new gas field, already producing gas enough for 38,000 homes, is under development in suburban Highland Heights. Ten producing wells have been brought in within the past few months almost unnoticed by the citizens, most of whom are unaware that gas is produced at all in the vicinity.

Deeds, mortgages and all sorts of legal blanks for sale at the Journal office.

## Elmwood News

Mrs. Bess Streeter Aldrich, Emily Gonzales, Naomi Totman and Doris Cole Clapp were Lincoln visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Emily Gonzales was in Lincoln Tuesday of last week, looking after business matters for the American Exchange bank.

The Ashland baseball team was here last Sunday for a game with the local team. The contest was won by the visitors; score 4 to 1.

Mrs. Ted Hall of Elmwood and Miss Denise Greene of Chicago drove to Lincoln Tuesday afternoon, where they had a reunion with some of their sorority sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clements attended Ivy day last week, where they watched the masking of the Mortar Boards. Their daughter, Betty, was masked last year.

Michael Smalley, who works at Fort Crook, was spending the weekend in Elmwood visiting with Mrs. Smalley, and as well calling on a number of friends while here.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Elmwood was held at the parlors of the Methodist church last Tuesday. All who were present report a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Verona Elson has been having a siege of influenza and while the weather has been summer like, it has not helped and she has been as ill as if it had been mid-winter. She was feeling some better by the end of the week, however.

Harmon Beck was in Lincoln the fore part of last week, making the trip with M. V. Wood and when the truck stopped at Eagle for a short time, Mr. Beck took advantage of the opportunity of visiting with his friend, Rhinard Kettlehut, who formerly resided at Nehawka but now lives in Eagle.

Junior and Caroline Zoz have been guests at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coatsman during the time their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zoz, have been busy cleaning house. They have enjoyed their visit with the grandparents and the grandparents have enjoyed having them as guests for a short time.

Clifford Beck, who resides in Lincoln, was home last Sunday, coming to spend Mother's day with his parents. All enjoyed the short visit and Clifford returned to his work in Lincoln in the evening. The father, Harmon Beck, has been having considerable trouble with his teeth and had four of them extracted during the past week by Dr. Totman.

### Visited Old Elmwood Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLendon of Lincoln were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Liston Friday evening. Mrs. McLendon and Miss Pauline Liston were guests at the Woman's Club tea in the afternoon, held at the home of Mrs. Doris Cole Clapp.

### M. I. S. S. Club Picnic

Members of the M. I. S. S. club held their annual picnic luncheon in Lincoln this year, with Mrs. Bess Tyson Robb. Those members present were Nona Nelhart Baine, of Wood River; Mrs. Woodard, Pearl Woodard Shreeves, Margery Stark Miller, Lincoln; Miss Anna McFall, Maude Remaly West, Della Weigert Greene, Inez Harnsberger Greene, Mae Durbin Lake, Hattie Theil Rosenow and Miss Etta James of Elmwood. Miss Rena Towle of Omaha was a guest.

### Out After Two Weeks

Frank W. Lorenz, who has been kept to his home and bed for the past two weeks was able to be out and around again last Tuesday. Mr. Lorenz was well pleased to be able to get out again and to come down and mingle with the crowd. Last Sunday a number of the friends of Mr. Lorenz came to express their appreciation and gladness at the report of his being able to be out again and also expressed their hope for complete recovery and continued good health. Among those calling were Arthur Lorenz and family and John Hopkins and family.

### Married at Parsonage

Miss Marjorie Findley of Weeping Water, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Findley, and Loren Dennis, of Elmwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dennis, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Christian church of Elmwood by Rev. E. M. Hawkins. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Race were present to witness the ceremony, which took place on Saturday, May 6th.

After the ceremony, the happy couple departed for Lincoln, where they were guests of friends during the past week. They returned here Saturday, the 13th and will be at home to their friends here.

The Journal joins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

## ALVO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Timblin and sons spent Sunday night with relatives at Murray.

Mr. Buttgenbach has been engaged in painting the Buttgenbach home after working hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoffman of Ashland were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Mrs. Mary Stout.

Mrs. Mary Stout, Mrs. Mabel Winn, Mrs. Anna Bennett and Mrs. Edith Williams were Sunday afternoon callers at the Elmer Klyver home.

A large number of the farmers of this vicinity have had their horses immunized against sleeping sickness. Last year many suffered the loss of valuable farm animals from this disease.

Fred and Frank Rehmeier and the little Drewel boy have been absent from school this week on account of measles. The boys have been quite ill, but no doubt will soon be feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Denny Hindbaugh and little daughter were Sunday dinner guests at the Wm. Kitzel home near Greenwood, the occasion being Mr. Kitzel's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Maves and little daughter of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heirs and baby were Sunday dinner guests at the Elmer Klyver home. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klyver of Lincoln and Ralph Winn were also Sunday evening visitors at the Klyver home.

### Birthday Party

Mrs. Wm. Kitzel gave a party in honor of Mr. Kitzel's birthday last Saturday evening at the Kitzel home here. About twenty guests were present to play pinocle.

A very delicious lunch was served before the departure of the guests.

### Flower Show

The S. O. S. Garden club are planning their annual flower show at the church basement Friday afternoon, May 19, the last day of school.

Every one is invited to exhibit bouquets, potted plants and anything that will interest a flower club group.

The exhibit will be open in the afternoon and a short program will be given at 2:30 o'clock in the church basement.

### Entertains Flower Club

Mrs. H. L. Bornemeier very pleasantly entertained the members of the S. O. S. club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

A large crowd was present to enjoy the afternoon and hear the lesson on "Flower Arrangements and Their Containers." Members brought bouquets.

A luncheon of cake and coffee was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Ostertag of Elmwood were guests.

The flower show will take the place of the next meeting.

### Senior Class Play

Members of the Senior class presented their class play, "Tell the Judge" Wednesday evening to a full house in the school auditorium.

This comedy farce was well presented and drew many compliments from the audience. The class took in about \$27.00 from the production. Miss Smock directed the play.

Beverly Elliott entertained the audience with a tap dance between the first and second acts.

### Alvo Public School Notes

CALENDAR  
Sunday Evening, May 14, Baccalaureate services.

Wednesday evening, May 17, Class night.

Thursday evening, May 18, Commencement exercises.

Friday, May 19, School picnic.

CLASS NIGHT—Wednesday evening the local band will give three or four selections. It will be all class night for the Senior class.

The eighth graders will receive their diplomas Wednesday night.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
Thursday evening, L. M. Hauptman, a former superintendent of the Alvo school will deliver the commencement address, "What will You Do with It?"

SCHOOL PICNIC will be held the last day of school, Friday, May 19. The picnic will be held at the usual place.

Everyone is invited to bring a basket dinner and join the crowd.