

Weeping Water

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper were Plattsburgh visitors Monday and while there called on Mrs. Ray Becker.

Mrs. Wm. Thornton is very ill at her home on the south side of town. Her many friends are anxiously awaiting news of her speedy recovery.

Bernard Ruby, of Nebraska City, was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ruby Tuesday on his way home from a business trip to Weeping Water.

The M. E. church Kensington held their regular October meeting Wednesday afternoon at the church, with the following ladies acting as hostesses: Mrs. Richard Keckler, Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Dankliff, Mrs. Thimman, Mrs. W. H. Tuck, Mrs. L. N. Kunkel, Mrs. Don Bickford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jewell, of North Platte were visiting with Mr. Jewell's parents a short time Sunday. They came to Lincoln Saturday to attend the Nebraska-Minnesota football game, after which they visited with Mrs. Jewell's relatives at Plattsburgh until Sunday, when they returned home.

Little Kenneth Brandt was four years old last Thursday and his mother invited in twelve of his small friends to help him celebrate the event. As the weather was so fine, games were played out of doors and the afternoon went all too quickly for the small host and his guests. Some very lovely gifts were left for Kenneth as a future reminder of the happy event.

A new pinocle club has been formed with eight couples joining. This club will meet each week for a social evening. Last week's meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs. Don Bickford. Other members are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lühring, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fitzpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lorenzen.

Old Schoolmates Enjoy Visit

Mrs. Adam Cook, of Gandy, has been spending the past week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Philpot. Tuesday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Philpot and their guest were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Philpot, where they enjoyed a fine dinner, after which they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ruby, where they spent the evening. As Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Ruby were former schoolmates, there was much to be talked over and it was with reluctance that their visit was ended. Mrs. Cook owns the large home formerly owned by her mother, in the east part of town, and she arranged for needed repairs on the house while here.

Large Number at O. E. S.

Elizabeth Chapter 250, O. E. S. held their regular meeting Tuesday evening, with seventy-five present. Worthy Grand Patron Wm. S. Cochran, of Auburn, was an honored guest. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Ella Cochran, Grand representative of Utah, Mrs. Lloyd Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Humble, of Auburn.

From Electa chapter No. 8, of Lincoln, Worthy Matron Miss Dorothy Simons, Worthy Patron O. R. Frey, Associate Patron H. W. Miller, Treasurer Mrs. Nettie Gault; Conductress Mrs. Susanna Jobst; Associate Conductress Mrs. Melba Johnson; Marshal Mrs. Margaret

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Gillett; Ruth, Mrs. Gladys Youngblut; Esther, Mrs. Lena Jones; Electa, Mrs. Anna McGraw; Martha, Mrs. Marie Beach, and with them fifteen other members of Electa chapter.

Initiatory work was put on with two candidates for initiation, Mrs. Lila Hite and Mrs. May Keckler. At the close of the evening's program, a social hour was given over to getting acquainted with the guests and enjoying the excellent repast furnished by the committee in charge, of which Mrs. F. H. Gorder was the chairman, assisted by Mrs. Earl Oldham and Mrs. Clair Wolfe.

WABASH NEWS

Edward Obernulte is assisting with the gathering of the corn crop and other seasonal work at the Gus Wendt farm.

Louis Schmidt, aided by W. E. Murfin, have been making some extensive repairs to a bridge near the Callahan church.

Frank S. Marshall made a trip to the coal mines near Clarinda, Iowa, last Wednesday, bringing back a truck load of coal for delivery to customers here.

Sam Gauchey, driver and salesman on the meat truck that visits Wabash regularly, was back on the job last week, after an enforced vacation of some two weeks, occasioned by the removal of some affected teeth.

Edward Farburg, former resident of the vicinity of Western and Tobias, is assisting with the corn shucking at the home of Herman Luetchens. Mr. Farburg reports very little corn maturing in his portion of the state this year.

Robert Barden, who recently returned from a western trip, went to Iowa Sunday, where he has taken a position helping to pick the estimated 480,000,000-bushel corn crop that has been grown in the tall corn state this year.

Frank Reese has been building an addition to his home in Wabash. Having two houses, he tore one of them down and is using the materials in joining the two buildings together, which, when completed will make him a very nice place of residence.

Harry Dehning and Clifford Brown were over near Union last Sunday, where they purchased a load of apples, which they brought here for the use of themselves and the families of their neighbors. The apples came from the orchard of George Lichtner.

Mrs. William Knaupe arrived at another anniversary of her birthday last Wednesday, and had the pleasure of having her daughter, Miss Opal Knaupe, who is a nurse at the Lincoln General hospital, home with her for the occasion.

Emil Bauer of Waverly, who has been at the Veterans hospital at Lincoln for some time, underwent an operation there last week and is reported improving very satisfactorily, although it will be some time yet before he will be able to be released. He is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dehning of this vicinity.

Report Good Kalo Yield

Herman Luetchens and Herman F. Schweppe have finished threshing their kalo, and report a yield of 50 bushels to the acre. The comparable feeding value of this new grain to corn, makes the yield about equal to 45 bushels of corn to the acre—and that is well above any corn yield in this vicinity. However, the kalo requires grinding to produce the best feed value, entailing some additional expense.

The men are well pleased with the amount of yield and the feed value of the grain.

Heavy Rain Erodes Land

The heavy rain of last week that brought nearly 2½ inches of water in a comparatively short space of time, caused considerable land erosion in this vicinity. On the farm of William Knaupe, several large gullies were cut through his field, due to the extremely dry condition of the ground before the rain fell. As a result he had to get the plow out and plow the ditches full to prevent further damage and to permit getting about with the tractor to do the fall plowing.

Interested in Town's Welfare

A meeting of the Wabash Kensington was held Wednesday of last week at the home of one of the members, Mrs. Warren T. Richards. During the business session a number of matters of importance were taken up and disposed of. This was followed by a social hour, climaxed with delicious refreshments.

The membership of this organization are much interested in the welfare of Wabash and during the past summer were very active in the cultivation of flowers and other like undertakings to improve the appearance of the community.

Elmwood News

George Hall has been suffering for some time from an infected knee that has made him lame.

Mrs. Kitty Rorley Allen, a former resident here, was calling on her many old friends here last Monday.

The regular meeting of the local W. C. T. U. was held Tuesday at the country home of Mrs. Howard Capwell.

Ronald Schlichtemeier was a visitor in Plattsburgh last Monday, having business matters to transact at the court house.

James Lytle has been experiencing his share of grief just lately due to a carbuncle that saw fit to attach itself to his anatomy.

Arthur Brockman has purchased one of the new model Chevrolets. A. W. Seiker, who lives north of town, is driving one of the new Buick cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Curran, former residents of Elmwood, arrived here last Friday for a visit with friends. Mr. Curran has been a member of the United States navy for the past seventeen years.

Charles V. Seeley, former editor of the Weeping Water Republican, was transacting business in Elmwood on Tuesday. He conducted a cafe here for some time after disposing of his newspaper at Weeping Water.

Mrs. Edward Miller of Lincoln, a former Elmwood resident, and Mrs. Guy Shera and daughter, also of Lincoln, were visiting in Elmwood last week and while here were guests at the home of the Misses Ida and Anna McFall.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Dearing, of Onawa, Iowa, stopped in Elmwood last Saturday for a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene, while on their way to Lincoln to attend the Nebraska-Minnesota football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McCrorey, who have been making their home in Grand Island while operating a service station there, have returned to Elmwood, moving into their own home, and Mr. McCrorey expects to engage in business here in the near future.

As Mrs. David Enterline was preparing some kindling with which to start a fire in the heating stove, a jagged edged stick flew up and struck her in the mouth, cutting her face on both the inside and outside. She has been suffering considerable pain from the ugly gash that was inflicted.

Henry Crozier of Weeping Water was in Elmwood a few days ago and had the roof of the post office building which is owned by himself and Knude Jensen, of Weeping Water, given a coat of asbestos paint to insure it against any leaks when the rains and snow of fall and winter attack it.

Injured by Severe Fall

While about her work, Mrs. J. B. Southerland had the misfortune to slip and fall, suffering the fracture of one of her arms. The fracture was reduced by the attending physician and the injured member is now getting along as well as could be expected.

Now with United Press

Donald Gonzales, who has been in Washington for the past few weeks, where he had a night position with the Associated Press, writes to his mother, Mrs. Emily Gonzales, that he was offered a day position with the United Press, the organization that supplies the Journal with its news reports, and accepted the same. His letters indicate he is well pleased with life in the nation's capital city.

Expects Greater Comfort

Elmer Stevens, more commonly known as "Jerry," by his friends, is looking forward to a most comfortable place of business this coming winter, since the landlord has installed an up-to-date coal stoker that should keep the temperature of his garage building up to a comfortable figure at all times.

Returned from the West

Mrs. H. D. Shadley, mother of Mrs. Herman Penterman, who has been making her home with a son at Portland, Oregon, expects to come to Elmwood in the near future for a visit with relatives. She arrived in Gaford, Nebr., a few days ago, and is visiting at the home of a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Welch.

Dinner Guests in Omaha

Miss Kathleen Lorenz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Lorenz, who makes her home in Omaha, at which place she is employed by the Guarantee Life Insurance Company, entertained the following guests at a dinner last Sunday: Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Lorenz; Mr.

and Mrs. Arthur Lorenz and son, Herbert; Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Clements and son Dean. All enjoyed the occasion and complimented Miss Lorenz on being an excellent entertainer.

Held Benefit Rummage Sale

In order to raise funds for completion of the "log cabin" that is to be recreated in Elmwood exactly as it existed on the farm northeast of town before being torn down, a rummage sale was held at the Community building that was largely attended and brought in a considerable sum of money with which to accomplish the aim sought.

Spirited Bridge Games

The rival bridge clubs, M. I. B. C. and W. B. B. P. got together again last Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Clement for the second session of the season. We are advised that the MIBC's, which piled up a good lead in the opening game, rather fell down at this second try, and now the count is about even. Guy Clement and Donnie Stark are credited with being the individual champions of the two clubs.

Visited at Auburn Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Julian accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton to Auburn, where both couples were guests at the home of a sister of Mrs. Horton. They returned home the same evening.

Visited Relatives Here

A. L. Stuart and wife of Chicago spent a short time here Tuesday afternoon while en route to points in the west on a vacation trip. They were guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Stuart, who have just recently come here to operate the cafe which they purchased. Mr. A. L. Stuart is a representative of the U. S. Rubber company in Chicago. After stopping here an hour and a half they continued on their way westward.

Death of Bread Truck Driver

Roland Fredrickson, driver of the Lincoln bread truck that visited Elmwood and other Cass county towns every day, was taken suddenly ill while on his route and rushed to a Lincoln hospital, where he died a few days later. He was a very likable young man and made friends in all the towns he served, who will be sorry to learn of his untimely death. The funeral was held last Monday.

To Spend Winter in the West

George W. Blessing, Sr., and wife, who have lived in Elmwood for many years and been engaged in the publication of a newspaper as well as various other enterprises "for the good of the community," left Saturday for McLeod, Montana, near which place they are to supervise a Dude ranch that is owned by a group of eastern capitalists.

Visiting Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coons, who are cousins of Charles WeWest and Mrs. Fannie Frisbee, arrived here last week from their home at Davidson, Michigan, and are enjoying a visit with the relatives here. They also expect to visit at other points before returning to their home in the east.

Nearing Four Score Mark


Paul Marshall, who has long been one of the sturdy farmers of this vicinity and still interested in the growing of crops, will reach the age of four score years November 8. In the years of his life in this vicinity, he has seen Elmwood come into existence and grow to its present size. He still has faith in this part of the country as a farming community and believes conditions will be more favorable to the farmer in the years to come, as it is he who produces the foodstuff that fills the market basket of the nation.

Congratulations and best wishes to you, Mr. Marshall.

Tabby Mothers Bunny Rabbits

Recently a cat belonging to little Francis Deloris Buell became the mother of three tiny kittens. Like many other unexplainable happenings, the cat became kittenless, and there was mourning at the home, both by the mother cat and little Frances Deloris. It was shortlived, however, as the mother cat went into the field near the farm home and there acquired a like number of baby bunnies, which she carried to the home, so that now the family circle is again complete.

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Children at the Crossroads

By Judge Ernest L. Recker
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Something Should be Done

Four years from now, in 1943, the prison doors will swing open and close, open and close, each time admitting a youthful criminal. Shackled and chained, he will be led into the warden's office, beyond the first steel-barred gate. He will be assigned a number, clothed in prison garb, taken to the prison barber for the regulation haircut, and so be given a place in the routine of a great prison for a span of time.

As we hear the fading echoes of his faltering footsteps beyond the second steel-barred gate, as he goes down the gray corridor of the city of the living dead, we will look back over his history and murmur: "Too bad. Given half a chance and a little intelligent care, this imprisonment could have been avoided."

Four years ago, back in 1932, something should have been done. But that something wasn't done, and Alvin, now designated merely as a number, who knew only poverty and filth, who found his fun in the streets, and who withal had such a pitiful chance to grow up into a good man, will spend a lifetime behind prison bars.

Alvin's drunken father had deserted the family. For three years Alvin made an excellent school record. All that time deep down in his heart he was terribly ashamed of his father's conduct and of his mother's having to work at cleaning chickens in a cold storage plant. He dreamed of the day he would be graduated from high school, become self-supporting, and provide a home for the mother he idolized.

But day after day a tragic thing occurred. Thoughtless schoolmates harassed him by saying he was "a chip off the old block." When he could no longer endure their taunting, he became a truant, attempting to find work.

He and a companion took a car, and while soliciting work in a city away from their home, they were arrested for auto theft. Alvin pleaded guilty to the joyriding charge and for the offense received the maximum sentence from an unsocial judge who made no investigation of his background. Alvin rebelled

against every phase of the degrading prison routine.

Through the long hours of the night he lay awake thinking that if he could escape to visit his mother, he would do so. His pleas to visit her in the company of a guard had been ignored, although the prison physician and the chaplain had recommended to the authorities that he be permitted to go. The fact that the mother was now paralyzed and unable to come to the prison was disregarded.

Alvin watched for an opportunity to escape; and when it came, he threw a hammer at a guard, who died as a result of the blow. Prosecuted for murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, Alvin within a few weeks became insane.

The boy, a state prisoner at a cost of many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers, the mother became a public charge; a man was killed, and three children were made orphans.

Actually, who was guilty? The drunken father, neglecting his wife and son, bears his share of the blame of course, but it is a comparatively small share.

The real responsibility rests upon the judge who first sentenced Alvin, a judge sworn to administer justice truly; the juvenile court charged by law to protect and train rather than to punish. But because the judge and the court failed, a tragic transformation took place, as a boy with a future became a criminal with a past.

Four years from now, in 1943, and for many years thereafter, the prison doors will swing open and close, open and close, each time admitting a youthful criminal who began as a hurt, rebellious truant and ended as a murderer, though innocent of the intent.

When will society learn to protect itself? Why wait until the die is cast and the criminal is molded before we do anything about it? "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Ernest L. Recker

AVOCA NEWS

Henry Sudman has purchased a New Ford four door sedan.

Mrs. Wm. Hollenberger and Attie Nutzman visited in Nebraska City last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pomroy, who have been visiting relatives in the east, returned home last week.

Claude Hollenberger has been employed at the Steckley farm during the past few weeks, grading seed corn.

Cass Sylvester, of Plattsburgh, who is selling Ford cars for the Ruse Motor Co., of that city, was looking after business in Avoca Tuesday.

The teachers of the Avoca high school chaperoned a group of students at a skating party at Syracuse one evening during the past week.

Earl Freeman and family were guests over the week end at the home of Mrs. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Midkiff, of Union.

Fred Marquardt and Dr. J. W. Brendel were among the large number gathered at Lincoln to watch the Nebraska-Minnesota football game.

M. D. Neilson, the trucker, made a trip to Calloway, Nebraska, during the past week, bringing back a load of cattle for Weeping Water feeders.

John Maseman, who is employed as a salesman by a Lincoln business house, spent the day last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman.

The two teachers in the Avoca schools, Misses Bertha TeSelle and Ella Beirie, were in Nebraska City last Saturday, visiting and transacting business.

Miss Corrine Hallstrom, who is attending a Lincoln business college, visited at home over the week end, and was taken back to school Monday by her mother in the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pittman, J. F. H. Rudge and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Neumeister and daughter, Miss Bertha, were business callers in Nebraska City last Tuesday afternoon.

John Marquardt was passing his birthday anniversary last Sunday and was given a nice dinner, which was also enjoyed by "Bud" Marquardt and wife of Lincoln, who were down for the event and a visit with the folks.

Monte Lum spent last Sunday at Verdon, where he says they are picking a very satisfactory corn crop.

and show other signs of prosperity, such as building cribs, barns, garages and even, in some instances, dwelling houses.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kojker and Mrs. Caroline Marquardt represented the Avoca Congregational church at the district convention which was held at Diller, Nebr., several days during the past week.

Joseph F. Behrnes, who suffered a fractured hip in a fall from a load of hay, underwent the trying ordeal of having the bones set, drilled and plugged into place, to hold them during the tedious process of knitting. He underwent the ordeal in splendid shape, and now, barring any setback, will be restored the use of his limb after a month's time.

Delivered Corn in Kansas

Paul Wolfe, W. L. Greenrod and Henry Smith made up a party that delivered a truck load of corn to the Smoky Hill district near Ellis, Kansas, last week, and, after looking over the country a bit, brought back a load of cattle. They say farmers there are now busy drilling wheat. They say the corn down that way is very poor, with short stalks and no ears.

Syracuse Legion Post Mixer

A number of ex-service men residing in this vicinity belong to the American Legion post at Syracuse, which is one of the live and active posts of the state. Last Tuesday evening the post sponsored its annual "mixer" party for the business men of the town and visiting Legionnaires from nearby posts.

This event always draws a large attendance and some 15 or 20 went from Avoca. All report a pleasant evening.

Storing Government Corn

Although our Uncle Sam isn't engaged in the farming business, he has acquired a lot of corn through the leasing of money on sealed cribs which have had to be taken over for disposition. Some of these cribs, on being shelled out, are yielding as much as a hundred bushels more than the estimate of their contents at the time of sealing. This should net a nice residue to the owners.

As the corn thus acquired is being shelled out, it is placed in storage in the Marquardt elevator, where as much as ten car loads is now scored.

MANLEY NEWS

John Mockenhaupt and his sister, Sue, transacted business in Omaha last Friday.

Ernest Gruber is now enrolled as a member of the CCC camp at Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stander attended the wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Palacek in Omaha last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Aug Krecklow transacted business and visited with friends in Omaha last Monday.

Misses Loretta and Katherine Sheehan and Leona Darveaux attended the celebration of 80 years of Catholicity in Plattsburgh Sunday, October 7th.

C. E. Mockenhaupt and daughter, Miss Sue, spent several days last week as guests at the home of P. A. Mockenhaupt and family near Greenwood.

Harold Krecklow, who has been employed in North Dakota, arrived home last week and has accepted a position picking corn at the farm of John A. Stander.

With the Missouri Pacific agent here being called to Kansas City, Kansas, to handle some special work for the road there, Louis Neffinger has been sent to Manley as relief agent until his return.

Miss Katherine Sheehan and Paul O'Brien accompanied Father Hennessey to Hastings as official delegates to the second annual Catholic Youth Congress, which was held there last Thursday and Friday.

Joseph Wolpert has been busy about the farm during the past week, repairing the roadways that were washed out by the rain, so as to have them in shape for use in hauling corn from the field.

Miss Anna Rauth, who is enjoying a vacation from her employment in Omaha, visited over the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rauth, remaining until Wednesday, when they drove her over to Murray to catch a bus for Kansas City, where she will also visit before returning to work.

Attended Celebration Sunday

In spite of unfavorable weather, a good delegation from here went in Plattsburgh last Sunday, where they attended the celebration incident to the 80th anniversary of Catholicity in Cass county.

Those present included Father Hennessey, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rau, John Crane, Joseph Wolpert, Mrs. C. E. Earhardt, Misses Katie and Maggie Wolpert, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rauth, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelley, Miss Leona Darvareaux and Misses Katherine and Loretta Sheehan. A field mass at Garfield park in the forenoon, was followed by a dinner at 1:00 p. m. at the American Legion building, attended by several hundred persons, including Bishop Louis B. Kucera of Lincoln and a large number of other church dignitaries, and R. L. Cochran, governor of Nebraska.

Visiting at Daughter's Home

Mrs. John Rohrdanz accompanied her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rauth, to Lincoln Wednesday morning, and took a bus from there to North Platte, where she is enjoying a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Minford. Mr. and Mrs. Rauth visited friends and looked after business while in the capital city.

Transferred to Lexington

Harold Krecklow, who recently accepted a position with a Holdrege construction company, to build forms for concrete work, has been transferred to Lexington, where the concern has a large contract that will take some time to complete. Mrs. Krecklow and the children went to Lexington early in the week and will remain there with the husband and father while the work continues.

Suffered Slight Injuries

Mrs. Emma Andrews was looking after business matters in Plattsburgh one day last week, and was being driven home by George Coon, when the car veered from the roadway into a ditch. Both Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Coon were shaken up by the sudden impact and Mrs. Andrews received a number of cuts about the face as well as bruises. She had expected to return to her home in the south, but will delay going a few days until she recovers from the injuries she sustained.

Dockage facilities make Plattsburgh 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.

Want ads are read and almost invariably get results.