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MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool drove to Lincoln Sunday to visit friends. Guy Lake of Lincoln was a business visitor in Murdock one day last week.

George Trunkenholz of Eagle was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday afternoon.

I. C. McCrorey was a Plattsmouth caller one day last week and attended a session of the district court.

Mrs. Frances Gillespie had several in Tuesday to help with the quilting of a lovely gift quilt. Refreshments were served.

Ruby Wild of Ashland, age 6, has been visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lau, and with her aunt as well.

W. H. Zabel was a Lincoln visitor Wednesday, bringing back a load of groceries for the store here. During his absence, Mrs. Zabel looked after the business.

Fred Buell has become a member of the Journal family and will receive the news twice a week in the future. Welcome to our growing list of readers, Mr. Buell.

Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom of Plattsmouth was in Murdock Wednesday evening looking after some matters connected with the county's relief program of which she is chief administrator.

Workmen from Lincoln have been here installing the heating plant in the parsonage of the Evangelical church. Henry Heineman was also working there, fitting and installing the windows in the basement.

There is joy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller over the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Milo Frisby of Elmwood. Mother and daughter are at the hospital in Lincoln. Mrs. Frisby was formerly Miss Ruth Miller.

Conrad Wehrman, who has been sick for two years, is considerably improved and has been able to get out of doors and about the farm with the aid of a cane. He had his corn shelled and delivered to the Murdock elevator during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Craig, and Mrs. Craig's father, Emmitt D. Friend went to Fremont Sunday to visit at the home of relatives. The Craigs returned home that evening, but Mr. Friend remained to spend the week at the home of his brother-in-law, Walter Skinner and family.

Celebrated 85th Birthday
The gathering of the Neitzel clan was occasioned by the 85th anniversary of the birth of L. Neitzel. Those present were A. J. Neitzel and family; O. J. Hitchcock and family of Havelock, and Mrs. Meta MacDiarmid and daughter of Omaha.

Many useful and practical remembrances were received by the celebrant. All enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and visit, and left for their respective homes, hoping to come back for many more such delightful visits.

Red Cross Roll Call
The annual Red Cross roll call is under way and many are renewing their membership. Others who are enrolling for the first time feel they are helping with a humanitarian service that reaches the wide world.

One half of each membership goes to carry on the local program. This includes swimming courses under a qualified instructor; highway first aid stations with equipment to render valuable service to the injured; assistance to ex-service men, whom the Red Cross aided so effectively in time of war; relief in cases which cannot qualify for assistance elsewhere, and the privilege of service

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Every man and woman of good will should be interested in this program. You have an entire year to save up that small sum of \$1 required for membership. Hand it to a Red Cross worker and have your name enrolled on the list of active members.

Let's keep Red Cross ever ready to meet emergencies—as it has been for years past.

Very Interesting Meeting
The 4-Square club met at the home of Mrs. Euna McHugh last Monday evening. Eleven members were present.

After formal opening of business, Mrs. May Eisele reviewed the book, "Ann Ava," by Mrs. Ethel Hubbard. A missionary story, to which all present gave attention and interest, thereby hearing an example of much good being accomplished by one endeavoring to do good. Mrs. Eisele was congratulated on bringing to the club a very worthwhile story.

Mrs. A. J. Tool read startling statistics concerning the cost of war, also mentioning crime. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Alvin Backemeyer was elected music leader and led in the singing of several songs. Miss McKinley accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. Leola Besack invited the club to meet with her on December 11, at 7:30 p. m.

Corn Shelling Time
W. E. Rikli had his corn shelled during the past week. The yellow corn was delivered to the farm of his brother, Leo Rikli, to be used for feeding purposes, and the white corn was delivered to the Murdock elevator, being in greater demand for the manufacture of cereals.

Visited the Oil Well
Albert Schroeder, who lives northwest of town and is engaged in farming, drove to Falls City one day last week to view the new oil well—first producing well ever to be brought in in Nebraska. Now all are hoping to see the Cass county well that is being sunk near Murray as Nebraska's next producer.

Rocket Trains Passed Here
George Kruse, salesman at the Murdock Mercantile store and some five companions went to the Rock Island station at midnight Sunday evening, to see the new Rocket trains the railroad has just put into service, which passed here that night, although their regular schedule provides for passing at Meadow. One of the trains ran onto the siding and stopped, while the main line was left open for the other to swiz through at its normal town speed. The conductor on the train that stopped, stepped out long enough to inquire if that was the entire population of the town.

Obituary of Albert Thiel
Albert Thiel, Sr., was born July 22, 1865, in Germany. His mother died when he was but two years old, leaving him to the care of his grandmother. There he grew to young manhood. In 1887 he came to Nebraska and since that time lived in the vicinity of Murdock and Elmwood, where he has farmed continuously. His marriage to Anna Stanslaski was a most happy one, resulting in the birth of eight children—two sons and six daughters. His wife and one son preceded him in death.

Thursday morning, November 9, he peacefully passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emil Rosenow, after an illness of two weeks. He had attained the age of 74 years, 3 months and 17 days. He has gone forth upon the uncharted seas that mark the boundary of human vision and entered into the journey of the great beyond, firm in

the Christian faith that beyond the limits of space there is another day whose glories are undying and where the lives broken here may blossom in greater beauty there.

He leaves to mourn his loss, one son, Albert, Jr., of Murdock; six daughters, Mrs. Wm. Glaubitz of Dunbar; Mrs. Vernon Hill, Mrs. Emil Rosenow and Mrs. Clyde Hoover, of Elmwood; Mrs. Joe Gustin of Murdock and Mrs. Otto L. Straub of Otoe; also seventeen grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

The active pall bearers were Grandsons Albert, Robert and James Hill, Raymond and Bernard Glaubitz and James Gustin.

The honorary pall bearers were John Bickert, George Bickert, John Stokes, L. Neitzel, August Ruge and William Schwalm.

Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. William Wachholtz and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wachholtz, Mrs. Frank Wachholtz, Miss Hattie Gast and Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Gast, all of Plainview, Nebraska.

Sinking a New Well
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Robson, who reside at University Place, have been having difficulty to maintain sufficient water from their present well, so arranged with Edward G. Ganaway, father of Mrs. Robson, to undertake the sinking of a new well. Mr. Ganaway is being assisted by Tony King and Edward McCrorey. It is planned to install an electric pump in the new well, providing running water for the home.

Assisting with Revival Meetings
Rev. F. C. Weber, pastor of the Callihan church southwest of Murdock, is assisting with the conduct of a two weeks' revival meeting at Sutton, Nebraska. The invitation to help came from the pastor of the church there, Rev. J. J. Arnold, who was formerly pastor of the Evangelical church at Elmwood.

Wrecking Old Tractor
Davis Crockett, employee of the Boone (Iowa) Wrecking company, arrived in Murdock before break of day last Wednesday and picked up an antiquated farm tractor, which was purchased from the Paul Stock Implement company, and which he took back to Boone with him, to be wrecked and the repair parts salvaged. Tractors, like cars, wear out and the work of wrecking them for repair parts is quite a lucrative business. This is the fourth to be sold to the Boone firm by the Stock Implement company.

Spending Winter in West
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schewe departed Wednesday for California, intending to spend the winter in the vicinity of Los Angeles. They stopped at Fullerton to pick up Mrs. Emil Kuehn, who is accompanying them on their trip to the west. All have relatives in California and are looking forward to a very enjoyable winter out there.

While they are away, Vernon Schewe will occupy their farm home and take care of the live stock.

To Make Home on West Coast
Wesley Watzke and family, who have been farming northwest of town found the drought a great drawback to successful operations and so held an auction sale recently disposing of their farm machinery, live stock and grain, and have gone to California to reside. Whether they will find conditions and the opportunity of earning a livelihood better there we do not know. The writer, does know, however, from experience gained through having lived in Nebraska 55 years, about 50 of these years have been good and productive of at least fair crops, and we still have faith in our county and believe that better conditions will again prevail in this favored portion of the state.

SHOULD UNDERSTAND READING
"It is inconceivable why educated parents want their children to read when they are incapable of profiting from the experience," said Calvin H. Reed at the Study Center Course Saturday morning. "Failures in the primary grades result in a dislike for teacher and school and many times results in personal maladjustments. Teachers and parents should be concerned about every child being successful in his adventures."

By administering the Monroe Aptitude test a teacher can determine the probable success of her students in reading. Students falling below the 40 percentile should be given special work in reading readiness before undertaking regular work from a book.

During the meeting Mr. Reed stressed the importance of considering the results on intelligence tests with all other information, especially reading achievement. "A reading handicap will influence an individual's rating on certain mental ability tests."

Children at the Crossroads

By Judge Ernest L. Reeker
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Foundations of Good Citizenship
Approximately 100 truancy cases a year are referred to this juvenile court by school authorities. Because the truant officers have already failed, we cite the parents of the truant to appear in court and to bring the culprit with them.

We find that such truants, with few exceptions, come from unchurched homes. The excuses for truancy and non-church attendance range from lack of shoes to criticism of schools, churches, teachers and ministers. Many of these parents have stated in open court in the presence of their children that the ministers devote too much time to doctrine, ladies aid societies, planning for larger contributions, and preaching hell-fire, while the schools place too much emphasis on dramatics, music and athletics.

Little do the parents realize that by such radical conclusions they are undermining the confidence of their children in America's greatest institutions; that nowhere in the world is the right of every human being to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience so jealously guarded as in America, and nowhere else do children have the educational advantages they have here. This type of parent usually pays no church dues and falsifies to the tax assessor to avoid paying

taxes, thereby contributing nothing to the support of the schools. Our churches and schools, public and parochial, are the two forces available to every family, rich or poor, to guide the destinies of the future generation. Their resources should be taken advantage of and their principles upheld by every citizen, public official, and civic group. Music and dramatics may not help one to become a more efficient street-sweeper or dishwasher, but they contribute much to mental and personal development and will be of untold benefit in years to come.

Recently the judge sat beside a very wealthy gray-haired man, listening to a 16-year-old boy render two of his own compositions on the piano. While the boy was playing, the man of wealth turned to the judge and said, "I would give twenty thousand dollars if I could play the piano like that boy can." And he meant it.

Aside from the practical benefits of the regular studies pursued in school and the lessons learned at church, a boy or girl acquires knowledge and grace of inestimable value from social contacts in these two fundamental organizations.

Wabash News
L. R. Stanley and Ralph Towle attended the community sale held at Syracuse last Wednesday.

Aided by P. H. Clarke, who is an experienced corn picker, Ralph E. Dorr now has his crop safely in the crib.

E. F. Marshall, resident of Weeping Water, who farms near Wabash, was shelling a crib of his 1939 corn crop and storing the grain in the Wabash elevator.

Minton V. Wood of Elmwood was hauling coal from the Iowa mines during the past week, delivering it to the homes of customers in Wabash and vicinity.

Robert Barden, who is employed in the work shop of his brother at Omaha, visited over the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barden.

Henry H. Gerbeling, after completing the work of gathering his corn crop, has been assisting his son, Orval Gerbeling, get his crop in the crib. They sure have been having excellent weather to do the work.

Although the weather has been fine, grim winter is bound to put in its appearance sooner or later, and in order to be well prepared for it when it arrives, Edward Obernauite and B. F. Colbert were out with their axes and cross cut saws last Wednesday, cutting wood down along the creek.

Mrs. Clifford Browne was looking after business matters in Murdock last Wednesday, and while she was away, her small son was entertained and cared for at the home of Mrs. Harry Dehning, as was also little Dickie Weyers, whose mother, Mrs. Fred Weyers, was called to Plattsmouth on a business mission the same day. The two lads were having a splendid time together.

Jolly Neighbors Meet
The Jolly Neighbors club met on November 8 with Mrs. Elsie Von Spreckleson. Roll call subject was "My Favorite Thanksgiving Menu." Guests were Mrs. Herman Schewepe and Martha. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Henry Schlueter and Elsie Von Spreckleson. The next meeting will be held on December 13, at the home of Mrs. Elsie Wendt, with a covered dish luncheon.

SEEK NAVAL RECRUITS
The Navy Recruiting Station at Nebraska City, Nebraska is calling for more recruits for the navy. Men between the ages 18 to 31, unmarried, good physical condition and mental ability are eligible for enlistment. Men need not be a graduate of high school as some are led to believe.

At present there will be very little delay between the time of examinations and call for enlistment. The training period at the Great Lakes Training Station has been reduced to two months. Trade school class have been enlarged and advancement is much more rapid.

Term of enlistment is for six years for first enlistment men and for former men re-enlisting is for four years. Men re-enlisting will be sent to San Diego, California for duty.

The quotas for enlistment each month are large and this station has been allotted another recruiter to facilitate rapid completion of necessary papers thereby reducing the delay between applying and enlisting.

The office at Nebraska City is located in the post office and is open daily from 9 to 4, except Saturdays 9 to 12. There will always be a recruiting officer on hand.

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HEADS INTERSTATE LINES

Appointment of R. J. O'Connor, Omaha, as traffic manager of the Union Pacific Stages and Interstate Transit Lines, effective November 1, was announced today by R. J. Walsh, president.

Mr. O'Connor has been affiliated with the Union Pacific Stages for eight years. His original position was chief rate clerk. In October of last year he was promoted to assistant traffic manager, which position he held until his present advancement.

Prior to his connection with the Union Pacific Stages, Mr. O'Connor served as rate clerk for the Kansas City Southern railroad and later in the same capacity for the Greyhound National Tariff Bureau.

Should Honor Work of High School Team

Honorary Dinner Party Urged for the Members of High School Football Squad.

Since the close of the very successful season of the Plattsmouth high school football team last Friday in the routing of Nebraska City, it has been suggested that the men of the community join in securing a banquet to honor the boys that have served so well.

This is a task that will be right down the alley of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and in which there is no doubt a very fine response would be forthcoming.

The ticket sales to the public could care for the expense of the squad and each of the purchasers sponsor one of the squad as their guest at the dinner.

The local team has proven one of the best in years in the Plattsmouth school and is deserving of some special recognition at the hands of the community which they have loyally represented.

BUILD NEW STORAGE TANKS

The Kankakee Water Co., of which L. O. Minor, former superintendent of the Plattsmouth Water Corporation, is the treasurer and manager, is to add to its plant equipment. The company is to erect a storage tank of 750,000 gallons capacity to replace the present one of 350,000 gallons capacity and also will place a new 200,000 gallon tank at Bradley. This will provide the means for an unrestricted use of water and still have storage for use in case of serious fires.

MARRIED AT DUXBURY HOME

From Friday's Daily
Last evening at the home of Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury on West Pearl street, occurred the marriage of Beatrice Elizabeth Demings of Council Bluffs and Kenneth C. Tuttle, of Omaha. The bridal couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Peterson, of Council Bluffs.

The marriage lines were read by Judge Duxbury and at the conclusion of the wedding the bridal party returned to Council Bluffs.

TO VISIT AT CHICAGO

From Saturday's Daily
Miss Josephine Rys, employe in the local Burlington railroad offices, left this evening on the "Ak-Sar-Ben" from Omaha to Chicago, Illinois where she will spend the next few days visiting with friends and relatives.

IT PAYS TO DRESS UP

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Local Woman to be Honor Guest of Woodman Circle

Miss Marie Kaufmann Among State Officers Selected for Honor at District Meeting.

Local Woodmen Circle members have been invited to attend a district convention at Lincoln on Saturday, when delegates will be present from around twenty-five nearby towns.

Honor guests for the occasion will be Mrs. Ruth Marhenke, national alternate and state president, Mrs. Jennie Palmer, state assistant attendant, Lincoln; Mrs. Norma Rhode, state treasurer, Cedar Bluffs; Mrs. Meta Hintz, state mother, Fremont; Miss Marie Kaufmann, state auditor, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Grace Hedge, state auditor, Grand Island; Mrs. Cecelia Hill, state historian, Mrs. Elizabeth Pedersen, state auditor, Mrs. Ruth Beckman, state secretary, Mrs. Marie Olsen, state musician, Mrs. Zella Blaha, state chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Phillips, state attendant, Mrs. Hazel Beam, state auditor, Mrs. Marie O'Connor, state junior counselor, Mrs. Stella Glessman, state auditor, Mrs. Julia Sanders, past state president, Omaha.

Miss Kaufmann, district reporter, will have an important part on the program. Other members of Plattsmouth grove No. 90 plan to attend.

The convention will begin at 9 a. m. with registration. Formal opening ceremonies will be held at 9:30 with the juniors putting on the work. The ritualistic work will be exemplified and Mrs. W. W. Weststrand, assistant editor of Tidings, will give an address. New district officers will be elected. In the afternoon the group will take a sight-seeing trip.

In the afternoon there will be seating of adult district officers and introduction of district guests. Mrs. Marhenke will extend a welcome to the visitors and a number of juniors will be graduated into the adult society. A large class of candidates will be initiated and new district officers will be elected.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance.

MEMORIAL IS HELD FOR GOTTLIEB STORZ

A memorial concert honoring the late Gottlieb Storz, sponsored by the Omaha Musik Verein organizations, was presented Sunday night at Musik Verein hall, Seventeenth and Cass streets.

The program was directed by Billy Meyers, with Dante Picciotti as accompanist. About 250 attended. One of the highlights of the program was playing of a recording of music from bells that Storz presented to a small church in his native Germany shortly before his death.

Mrs. Bertha Assman, soprano, and Miss Bernadette Hoffmann, cellist, were soloists. Meyers read a short piece in memory of Storz, who was a generous supporter of Musik Verein activities. President of the Musik Verein is George Heidkamp. Following the concert there was a ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Knoeflick of this city attended the memorial concert Sunday evening.

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