

UNION ITEMS.

Mrs. Donald McQuinn was shopping in Nebraska City last Monday. Mrs. R. E. Foster returned home last week and is now feeling much better. Mrs. Fannie Eikenbary transacted business in Plattsmouth last Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. A. Fletcher, who has been very poorly for several weeks, is reported somewhat improved. John Pearsley who has been employed on a government project at Spencer, returned home last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hathaway and Mrs. Lillian Lidgett were visiting friends and shopping in Omaha last Friday. Jack Lidgett and wife drove to Nebraska City last Saturday, having as guests on the trip Mesdames Dan Lynn and W. A. Taylor. W. L. Hoback returned home Monday from Falls City where he spent a week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ray Boffman and husband. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker and daughter, Mary, Mrs. Glen Hoback and Donald Becker were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ehlers last Sunday. A. L. Becker delivered some cordwood to parties in Lincoln Monday. He has a superior quality of wood that is used in the smoking of meat, and much in demand just now. Otto Ehlers was called to Nehawka Monday of this week, where he transacted business and while he was away Mrs. Ehlers and baby were guests at the home of Grandmother Becker. W. S. Taylor and son Alda were guests Saturday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor. They brought sweet potatoes, eggs and a chicken that graced the table of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor the following day. Raymond Hathaway was at Nehawka last week to have some repair work done on his well digging ma-

chine, as he has been doing some heavy work recently and the equipment was in need of overhauling. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clarence attended a meeting of the Southeastern Nebraska Radio association of which they are members, which was held at Auburn last Friday. A banquet was one of the features of the gathering. Mrs. DeWitt Surface, who has been critically ill and was in an Omaha hospital for some time, has returned home and is staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eaton while she regains her strength. D. Ray Frans, wife and son Jimmie together with Mr. Frans' mother, Mrs. Jennie Frans and sister, Mrs. Belle Frans, were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rue H. Frans at Syracuse, where a fine turkey dinner was served. Ernest Rathey, who has become the Standard Oil company tank wagon distributor in Union, moved his family into the Pearsley house last week. O. A. Pearsley and son Warren were busy installing water in the house the first of the week. The J. C. Roddy family were pleased last week when they were able to begin using electricity provided by the Rural Electrification program. They recently had their home wired and were ready to turn on the juice when the lines were energized. Mrs. Mathilde Clugy of Plattsmouth and her sister, Mrs. W. H. Yonkers were visiting in Union Monday afternoon, calling on various relatives and friends. Mrs. Clugy also visited for a time at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor during their stay. Mrs. Thomas McQuinn and sister, Della, departed this week for Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where they will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville McQuinn and family, expecting to remain there over the Christmas holidays. Guests at C. F. Harris Home Grant Harris and wife, of Oakland,

Iowa, were guests over the week end at the home of his brother, C. F. Harris and wife in Union. Sunday a dinner was served in honor of the visitors, which was attended by members of the Harris and Farris families here and Mrs. J. H. Farris, of Union. On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, from the state of Washington, who have also been spending a week here and were guests at the dinner, departed for the east, expecting to visit in the state of Virginia. Grant Harris is an extensive farmer and stock raiser at Oakland and now has some 500 head of hogs on feed. Entertained Last Sunday Mrs. Anna M. Hargus entertained the following friends at a turkey dinner at her home in Union Sunday, December 10th: Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore, of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, of Union; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atwell, of Wyoming precinct, and Mrs. I. L. Carper, of Denver, Colorado. The Christmas motif was used. A most pleasant day was spent by all. Mrs. Hargus was assisted in the kitchen by Mrs. Charles Meredith. Received Congratulations Rev. W. A. Taylor arrived at his 74th birthday Tuesday, having been born on December 12, 1865. The greater part of his life has been spent in Cass and Otoe counties, Nebraska. Two days before, December 10, marked the occasion of forty years' residence in Union for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who with their children, Rufus, now deceased, and Leona, now Mrs. C. W. Hoback, moved to town from their farm near Union. Bought Ancient Landmark The old building that was used to house the telephone exchange here for some time, has been sold to Chas. Atteberry, who is having the building torn down. The work is being done by Howard Snodgrass and son Robert. This building is one of the old landmarks of Union, a portion of it having been moved here from Rock Bluffs, back in the eighties by Chas. Shera. Shortly thereafter it was increased in size and used for a pool and billiard hall, later occupied by a drug store, and in succeeding years by various sorts of business enterprises. It is rumored that a new modern residence is to be erected on the site made available by the razing of this old landmark. Excavation Completed Excavation for the new settling basin that the Missouri Pacific is having built at their pumping station has now been completed and the equipment has been loaded for shipment elsewhere. There remain to be laid the filtering stones at the bottom of the basin, through which the water will be filtered before being pumped into the tank for use in the boilers of engines passing through Union. About ten days will be required to complete the job. Nehawka Mrs. Roy Schumacher who was at Nebraska City for observation and treatment, has returned home feeling greatly improved. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pollard were guests Sunday at the home of County Commissioner Ray Norris and wife near Weeping Water. Mrs. Lyle Kruger, who has been ill for some time, is again able to be up and around. This will be pleasing news to her many friends. Raymond Hathaway of Union was here last week having Herbert Kuntz assist him with some repair work on his well drilling equipment. Earl and Raymond Lancaster of near Murray were looking after business matters in Nehawka for a short time Monday, coming to secure materials needed in the overhauling of their tractor. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pittman of Avoca came over Saturday evening to visit Mr. Pittman's mother, Mrs. Thomas S. Pittman, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Chapman and family. Stuart Rough and daughter, Mrs. Martin Ross had as guests over the week end, an uncle, John S. Rough and wife of Blair, together with a sister of Mr. Rough and his brother, Arthur Rough and wife of Weeping Water. Oscar Domingo, who is connected with the Federal government's ever-normal granary program, and looks after the steel grain storage bins located at different points over the county, was a business caller in Nehawka last Monday. At the opening of the basketball season, which occurred last Friday night, the Nehawka team played the Weeping Water team at that place,

and were able to win the contest. We did not learn the score. A pleasant evening was had last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kuntz, when they were hosts to three other couples of the community at a luncheon, followed by cards. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Berger, the Albert Anderson family and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz. Enjoyable Family Gathering Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weber entertained a group of relatives at their home near Cook last Sunday, when all members of the family residing in this territory were present to enjoy the day. They were Mr. and Mrs. C. Steffens, of Lorton, parents of Mrs. Weber; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steffens and Mrs. Mollie Magney, Albert Anderson, wife and son, Kenneth, and D. Steffens and wife of Nehawka; Frank Horstman and family of Talmage, and P. C. Cunningham and family, of Nebraska City. Signs of Spring Evident Some rather convincing signs of spring have bobbed up during the past few days. The iris have been putting out shoots as if they intend to go ahead and bloom in the near future. This has been observed by a number of people and just last week a more startling sign of spring was observed by our friend, Olaf Lundberg, when he noted a swarm of bees scouting over to some place, where they were going to save paying rent where they had been. Being otherwise engaged, Olaf did not attempt to follow them. Getting Along Nicely Miss Helen Christensen, who was so severely injured about ten days ago while en route back to Nehawka from a Thanksgiving visit at the home of her parents at Essex, Iowa, is improving very satisfactorily, according to word received from her father. With this reassuring news, her early return to the teaching position she holds in the Nehawka public schools may be expected. Proved Excellent Instructor Miss Marjorie Ruth Pollard, who was one of the outstanding canners in a recent contest and was awarded a trip to Chicago to attend the National Live Stock show, and Miss Tyson, who also won a similar trip, were coached by Miss Evelyn Wolph, who took the young ladies to Omaha, where they joined the other state winners on the trip to the windy city on Lake Michigan. The fact that these young ladies won such high honors, speaks well for the training given them by their instructor, Miss Wolph. Woman's Club Meets The Woman's club held a very enjoyable meeting last week that was largely attended. A well arranged program was arranged. One of the songs, "Silent Night," was dedicated to the nephew and niece of Franz Gruber, its author, who is the uncle of Mrs. Fred Nutzman, Mrs. Nicholas Klaurens and Henry Gruber. This is one of the most beautiful of all the Christmas carols. Visiting Friends in Nehawka Troy Shradar, who has been living near Idaho Falls the past three years, arrived in Nehawka last week and has been visiting old friends here, a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Carrie Chrisswiser. Mr. Shradar tells of having met many former Nehawka citizens in the west, where he says conditions are good and prosperity is returning. Wheat and potatoes are the principal products of that region but bring abundant prosperity. Mr. Shradar will visit here for some time before returning to the west. Rural calls receive the same prompt attention as calls closer in. Porter Funeral Home, Nebraska City.

Council Takes Steps to Refund \$45,000 Bonds

Approves 90 Day Option to Greenway & Co. at a New Low Rate of 2 1/4 Per Cent Interest From Tuesday's Daily— Following the recommendation of its finance committee, the city council at its meeting last night unanimously approved a ninety day option to Greenway & Company, for the refunding of \$45,000.00 city bonds now bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent, at a new all time low rate for this city of 2 1/4 per cent. The city's present low rate is 3 per cent on issues of \$28,000.00 and \$16,000.00, refunded June 1, 1938 and October 1, 1938, respectively. Previous to the making and acceptance of this offer the finance committee had rejected two bids at 2 1/2 per cent and last night rejected Mr. Greenway's offers of 2 1/2 at par or 2 1/4 and \$500 discount, which under the schedule of maturities set up, amounted to approximately \$350.00 better deal than par at 2 1/2. When he dropped his figure to 2 1/4 net, the committee recommended the granting of the ninety day option. Under the proposal the Greenway company is to prepare the history, print and furnish the bonds and provide all legal requirements at no cost to the city. Interest differential would be computed from date of issuance of the new bonds to July 1, when the present issue becomes optional for refunding, putting the city to no greater expense than if they waited to refunding date. The city had received a communication from R. A. House, of the state highway department relative to the resurfacing of the Granite street viaduct with blacktop or asphalt. The state officer advised waiting until they could make an investigation of the condition of the viaduct. The city also received a communication from the district court informing them that Judge W. W. Wilson had in the case of Lois Maupin, et al. against the City of Plattsmouth, decided the issues in favor of the plaintiffs and as the result the property involved in the suit was to be set outside the municipal boundaries of the city of Plattsmouth. City Treasurer M. D. Brown reported that the city had on hand in the various funds \$11,756.92, which is deposited in the Plattsmouth State bank. City Clerk Albert Olson reported that in the month of November he had collected \$295.11 and which had been turned over to the treasurer. Chief of Police W. M. Barclay reported that for November there had been four arrests and fines and costs of \$44 received. Chief O. Sandin of the fire department reported the fires for the period from January 1, 1939 to December 1, 1939 as thirty, from various causes and five of these rural fires to which the department had responded. Police Judge C. L. Graves reported that for the week of November 30 there had been two arrests and fines and costs of \$21.50 and for the week of December 7th, one arrest but no money. Chairman Gabelman of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that the street work was closing down for the winter and that only what was absolutely necessary was being looked after. Chairman Vroman of the lighting

committee reported that the electrolier cable had been repaired on Main street and service restored. He also reported several of the overhead street lights out over the city. Mayor Lushinsky reporting on the Chicago avenue sewer stated that there was 180 feet of wall yet to lay in the sewer and at this time 108 men were engaged in the work. The matter of extension of 654 additional feet of the sewer had not been determined upon. The filling up of the trenches was being carried right along with the sewer and very successfully. Mayor Lushinsky called the attention of the councilmen to the fact that the next meeting of the council will be on Monday, December 25th and as that date is Christmas, the meeting will be on the 26th instead. Considerable discussion was brought up by Councilman Vroman on the matter of signs at the south end of Chicago avenue, many claiming the obstruction of the view. Mayor Lushinsky suggested that when happy days were here again the city might have Neon signs installed with the name of the city. It was decided to have the clerk write to organizations and ask them to have the signs placed differently so that they would not interfere with the view. Councilman Webb called the attention of the council to a case at Louisville where one of the outside concerns trucking into the city had paid their occupation tax and fine after being arrested under an ordinance similar to that which Plattsmouth had passed. This opened the way to a general discussion of the occupation tax problem for a few moments. The following claims were ordered paid by the council:

Table with financial data including General Fund, Business Tax Fund, Fire Hydrant Rental Fund, Unemployment Relief Fund, Road Fund, Street Lighting Fund, Fire Dept. and Road Fund, and DRIVER'S SEAT FOR SAFETY.

RESIGNS AS COMMITTEEMAN OMAHA, Dec. 12 (UP)—Hugh Butler of Omaha, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, today forwarded his resignation as republican national committeeman to National Chairman John Hamilton. In transmitting his resignation Butler kept his promise made at the time of his filing for senatorial nomination to step aside from active management of the party during the primary campaign. J. L. Jackson, of Neligh, chairman of the state central committee, said a meeting of the committee will be held probably December 19 at Grand Island to fill the vacancy. A hot fight for the interim appointment is expected at the meeting. G. E. (Bert) Carpenter, Omaha paper manufacturer who has filed for the post in the April primaries, told the United Press in Chicago that he will attend the meeting and endeavor to obtain the appointment. Jackson, at Neligh, said he too will be a candidate to fill Butler's unexpired term. NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To all persons interested in the estate of Elizabeth Carr, deceased. No. 3415: Take notice that the Executor of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for his discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on January 5th, 1940 at ten o'clock a. m. Dated December 9th, 1939. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) d11-3w

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To all persons interested in the estate of Fred W. Guenther, deceased. No. 3447: Take notice that a petition has been filed praying for administration of said estate and appointment of Sophia Guenther as administratrix; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 29th day of December 1939, at ten o'clock a. m. Dated November 27th, 1939. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) d4-3w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To the creditors of the estate of Florence Daisy Douglass, deceased. No. 3459: Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is April 1st, 1940; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on April 5th, 1940 at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed. Dated December 1st, 1939. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) d4-3w

NOTICE OF PROBATE In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Yaeger, deceased. No. 3446: Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and for the appointment of George Braun as Executor thereof; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 22nd day of December, 1939, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dated November 24, 1939. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) n27-3w

NOTICE OF ELECTION to be held for the Supervisors of the Cass Soil Conservation District TO ALL OWNERS OF LANDS lying within the boundaries of the Cass Soil Conservation District: Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of December, 1939, between the hours of two and eight o'clock p. m. an election will be held for the election of four Supervisors for the Cass Soil Conservation District of the State of Nebraska. All persons, firms, and corporations who hold title to any lands within the boundaries of the said District are eligible to vote at said election. Only such persons, firms, or corporations are eligible to vote. Voting places will be opened within the said district at the following described places: 1—The Woodman Hall, in Murdock, Nebraska; 2—The School House, in Cedar Creek, Nebraska; 3—The Fred Rehmeier residence in S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 34, Township 11, Range 11, in Cass County, Nebraska. Dated December 9, 1939. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. By H. E. Engstrom, Executive Secretary. d14-3w

Bible School Lesson Study! Sunday, December 17th By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

"Parables of the Kingdom" Matt. 13:3-8; 31-33; 44-46. This chapter introduces a new type of teaching, that by parables. Matthew gives us a group of seven, the first four of which (the sower, the tares, the mustard seed and the leaven) were addressed to the multitudes, and the last three (the hidden treasure, the pearl and the draw net) to the disciples. Matthew's group of seven forms a great whole, setting forth the mystery of the kingdom in its method of establishment, its conception, its outward and inward growth, the conditions of entrance into it, and its final purification. Did Jesus, in teaching by parables, intend to enforce a single idea, and that none of the details are significant? In some yes; in some no. In the sower and sares, the details were significant: in the treasure and pearl and leaven, not. A parable never can cover the whole truth, but only one point. All the parables deal with the same subject, but give only one side or point of the whole. A parable is a comparison, an illustration, a figurative portrayal—not a fable—nor an allegory. John's gospel has no parables, but allegories, such as the fold, the good shepherd, the vine and branches. Why did Jesus use this method of teaching? Because he drew his parables from things seen in everyday life and more easily understood by the common people. The parable of the sower is a case in point. There are three forces at work in this parable—the soil, the seed, the sower. Four kinds of soil—four different kinds of hearers, represented by the wayside, the stony ground, the thorny and the good. In the interpretation Jesus gives a very simple, clear explanation. It should not be hard for a teacher to make the application to good effect. The parable of the mustard seed may be more difficult to explain. The mustard seed is about the smallest—it never grows to be a tree but the birds can lodge in its branches. The best of commentators agree that it is to teach the small beginning and the tremendous growth of the church. Witness Jesus, the obscure Nazarene, twelve apostles, then seventy, then 120, then 500, next there are 3,000, soon 5,000—all within less than five years, and at the end of the third century it was the religion of the Roman empire. Nothing compares with the growth of the church of Jesus Christ. Today one third of the people of the world are followers of this lowly Nazarene and his church is greater than any other organization. "The parable of the leaven is still more difficult to explain because in its ordinary sense, the word "leaven" stands for corruption and evil force, as the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, of the Herodians, of formalism. (See Matt. 22:16-21; 22:23-29; 23:14-15; I Cor. 5:6-8). Here again we have a picture not hard to see. While leaven has all the above qualities, it is not here used in the evil sense, but rather in the good sense of influence that works like leaven in a meal—quiet, unseen, but working. Will the whole lump ever be leavened? Three measures may refer to the three sons of Noah, from whom the earth was populated after the flood. The wholesome influence of Christianity is felt and working among all nations. Yes, the leaven is working. The hidden treasure will also be quite difficult of interpretation. Just what is this treasure? We say without hesitation, it is the Lord, Jesus Christ. Men have to seek—and they shall find. The earnest seeker who really feels the need of a saviour will give up all the things which he formerly found satisfactory and indispensable for Jesus, the satisfying portion; he would hold nothing back, but surrender all to have Jesus. So the merchant who sought goodly pearls; he also saw the value, when he found one, and promptly sold all that he had to gain possession of it. The apostles gave up all for Jesus sake, Paul gave up all for Christ's sake. Men today can do no less. When men realize that they cannot live without Christ; they will gladly give up all. Men who love the pleasures of the world more than Jesus are not counted by Him as His disciples; He does not own them, although they may be members of high standing in church and society. This is the teaching of these parables, when boiled down to a basis of simple understanding. This is the price man has to pay if he would be a real Christian and not the make-believe kind. God is a just God and also a jealous God—he cannot allow—and will not have man acknowledging any other God beside him. He will not share the heart of man with another. Frances A. Huvergal was one who knew the value of Christ, and she was willing to give all to Jesus when she sang: "Take my life and let it be... Take my feet and let them be... Take my silver and my gold... Take my will and make it thine... All for Jesus! All for Jesus! So say the redeemed."

Nehawka

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GOOD NEWS This is the season of the year when we all like to hear good news... and in case they don't know it, won't you please tell the children that Santa's coming to Plattsmouth this Saturday, Dec. 16. Don't just stop with telling them, but bring them in to see him. He has a gift for every boy and girl who pays him a visit at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. PLATTSMOUTH CREAMERY LOWER MAIN ST. PHONE 94

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