

UNION ITEMS.

Mrs. P. F. Ehin is improving from a threatened flu attack.

A. M. McCarroll made a business trip to Nebraska City Monday afternoon.

C. W. Hoback and wife transacted business and visited friends in Nebraska City one day this week.

Oscar Davis, who has been confined to his bed for ten days with the flu, is feeling better and able to sit up.

Gilbert Edmonds was called to Nebraska City Monday to get some repair parts for cars on which he is working.

Victor Clarence, who operates the produce station, took a load of produce to Omaha and brought back a load of feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNamee, of Brush, Colorado, were guests of old friends in Union several days during the past week.

Word from Omaha is to the effect that the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pell, who have been ill with flu, are all better.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Greene, which, like many others, suffered from attacks of the prevailing malady, flu, are getting along very nicely now.

Frank Bauer has received a letter from his three nieces at Ponca, Oklahoma, Dorothy, Ruth and Bessie Anna, who have frequently visited here, stating that they are well and attending school. They send greetings to their friends here.

The Union high school basketball teams played like teams at Nehawka last week. Union's first team won its game by the close score of 42 to 41, while the second team met defeat at the hands of the Nehawka lads, by the equally close score of 10 to 9.

Mrs. Flora Murray, although confined at home due to illness, is very cheerful and in her wheel chair directs the home work. The son, who is attending school, looks after the work which Mrs. Murray cannot do, and together they are getting along very nicely.

George Comer was able to get to town this week after being snow-bound. Last year a rock road was built, extending from the highway past his home, but that is still blocked. The other road, which is none too good, has been partially cleared, however, and is passable, but it is with difficulty he was able to get to town in this round-about way.

Mary Becker, who conducts the business of the Union Co-Operative Credit association, enjoyed the Lincoln birthday holiday Monday, going to Omaha, where she was joined by Register of Deeds Ray Becker and wife of Plattsmouth. In the evening they attended the meeting at the city auditorium which was addressed by former President Herbert Hoover.

Celebrated Their Golden Wedding
Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor of Union received an invitation recently to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Colbert, who now reside at Wauneta, Nebraska. The day was observed by keeping open house.

The Colberts formerly resided near Weeping Water and Wabash and were members of the Congregational church of Weeping Water for many years before locating in the west.

They were married in Nebraska City on February 5, 1890, residing for a number of years in Cass county.

Two children were born to them, C. C. Colbert of Imperial and Mrs. Howard C. Brown, of Wauneta.

Celebrated First Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Griffin were quietly celebrating the passing of their first wedding anniversary on Monday of this week, they having been married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Booher at Cedar Bluffs, Nebr., on February 12, 1939. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father. They have made their home here, where they are engaged in business, and have the esteem and respect of a large circle of friends.

Writes from Moffit Field
Donald Hoback, who some time ago joined the air forces of the United States and was assigned to Moffit Field, near San Francisco, writes the parents here that he is enjoying his work very much and has been privileged to go out along the coast range of mountains, where pictures were obtained of the countryside from the mountain tops. He expects to send some of the pictures home when completed.

Many Present at Dinner
Union and vicinity was well represented at the farmer-business men banquet which was held at Plattsmouth Wednesday night. Among those going from here were W. B. Panning, D. Ray Frans, Joe Banning and son Lucian, Dale Karnopp, George Stites and others.

A fine program was arranged for the meeting, similar to one held at Weeping Water last week. The dinner and program was held at the American Legion hall.

EAGLE NEWS ITEMS

A daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Kohz last Thursday, February 8, at a Lincoln hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Oberle and daughter of Lincoln spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Oberle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wall spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Johnson, near Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Paine of Dunbar were visiting friends in Eagle on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hursh of Grand Island visited Mr. Hursh's parents from Saturday evening until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wachter and son of Walton visited Mr. Wachter's mother, Mrs. Mary Wachter last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Wulf came from Lincoln and spent the latter part of last week with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Ollerman.

Harley Klietsch visited from Wednesday to Saturday of last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Guy Jones, Mr. Jones and Jack.

Mrs. Guy McKee of Palmyra and Mrs. Margaret Clark and son of Unadilla spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Allen and son Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen and R. B. Morgan of Lincoln visited at the home of Mrs. C. E. Allen last Sunday.

A number of people from this community attended the funeral services held for O. R. Boesewetter in Lincoln on Monday afternoon of this week.

Methodist Aid Society Meets
The Methodist Aid Society met at the church last Wednesday afternoon with Dorothea Keil as hostess. Mrs. Isabel Jack had charge of the devotionals. After a short business meeting, refreshments were served.

Mrs. August Schwegman, Mrs. Daisy Burns, Mrs. E. C. Oberle and Mrs. Sarah Keil were guests. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Orin Lanning.

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary
Mrs. Clarence Slosson entertained at dinner Sunday noon in honor of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of her parents and the eighty-fourth birthday of her father. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pool, of Rising City, Nebraska, are spending the winter months with their daughter, Mrs. Slosson, in Eagle. Sunday marked the close of 84 years for Mr. Pool and Monday made an even 60 years of married life for Mr. and Mrs. Pool.

Those present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pool and son Darwin of Rising City, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Vanek of David City, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Pool of Colon, Nebr., Miss Mary Belle Pool, of Lincoln and Miss Jill Caddy, of Eagle.

Miss Harriet Schwenker of Lincoln called on Mr. and Mrs. Pool during the afternoon.

Your wish is our desire in conducting a service. Porter Funeral Home, Nebraska City.

Murray

Lucian Carper was a business caller in Plattsmouth Monday.

Bert Philpot attended the weekly community sale at Syracuse last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Harris were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Kniss. They have both passed away within the last sixty days, the mother dying in December and the father in January. Many of the older residents of Murray and vicinity knew the Lattas when they resided here.

They have been living at Alhambra.

Death of Mr. and Mrs. Latta
Edward Kniss has received a letter from his brother Lee, stating that Mr. and Mrs. Sam Latta, parents of Mrs. Kniss have both passed away within the last sixty days, the mother dying in December and the father in January. Many of the older residents of Murray and vicinity knew the Lattas when they resided here.

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Mrs. Henry Creamer Not Well
Mrs. Lester Wunderlich, who with her mother, Mrs. Henry Creamer, are making their home in Los Angeles, writes that her mother is not in the best of health. Mrs. Wunderlich expects to return to this vicinity in the spring, but physicians say the condition of the mother will probably not permit her to come, as was planned. Old friends of this good woman will be pained to hear of her poor health and trust she may recover rapidly.

Selling Many Tickets
Will Minford, one of the hustling committee members engaged in selling tickets to the farmer-business men banquet in Plattsmouth Wednesday night, has been disposing of large numbers of the tickets, and a large representation from Murray is assured at the dinner and program. The price of tickets has been held very low—only 35 cents.

Transferred to Iowa
Earl Troop, who has been employed near Ogallala, on completion of the work which he has been doing there, has been sent to a point in Iowa, to work in the future. While en route to the new location, he stopped for a short visit with the folks here, accompanying the parents to Syracuse to attend the community sale and visit with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troop.

Born on House Boat in Ohio River
Earl Merritt, who celebrated the passing of his birthday a short time ago, having attained the age of 53, was born on a house boat anchored in the Ohio river at Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Merritt's father, who was a carpenter, was engaged in that line of work on river boats and with the family was living in a house boat. When Earl was still very young, the family located in Kentucky, where his boyhood days were spent. They came west, but soon returned to Kentucky, where he grew to manhood and then came west to live.

Let's Hope This is True
George E. Nickles recently received the Maxwell Chart, which is presumed to forecast what the weather will be during the coming year. This chart predicts an abundance of moisture and that during the latter part of April there will be an upturn of business making things literally boom until the fall of 1942. The chart shows Cass county in the area of abundant rainfall, and predicts farm lands will double in price during the coming two years. All we can say is, we hope this prediction comes true, for certainly we can all stand a little more prosperity.

Has Splendid Bird Refuge
W. O. Troop, who has been feeding cattle for many years, has allowed a dense grove to grow just north of the feed yards, which besides providing shelter for the cattle has also become a bird harbor, in which many of the feathered tribe have found a place of abode during the cold weather. Among the birds making their home in this refuge are larks, crows, chickadees, red birds, sparrows, swallows and others. The feed bunks provide them with food and the open water tanks furnish them with drink, even in the most extreme weather. During the heavy snow the matter of feed for the birds has been one of concern to bird lovers, and many have assisted by placing food within reach of the feathered tribes, but at no place have they congregated in greater number or variety than in the refuge of Mr. Troop.

Sunday Guest at Troop Home
Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Troop included their son, Earl, who has been working at Ogallala, but is being transferred to a point in Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. George Troop, Mrs. Victor Wehrbein and son, Billie (Mr. Wehrbein was prevented from coming due to having a very sick horse) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bestor and son of Plattsmouth. Tommy Troop, who was assisting with the wood sawing at Anderson Lloyd's was not home for the evening. All report a most enjoyable day.

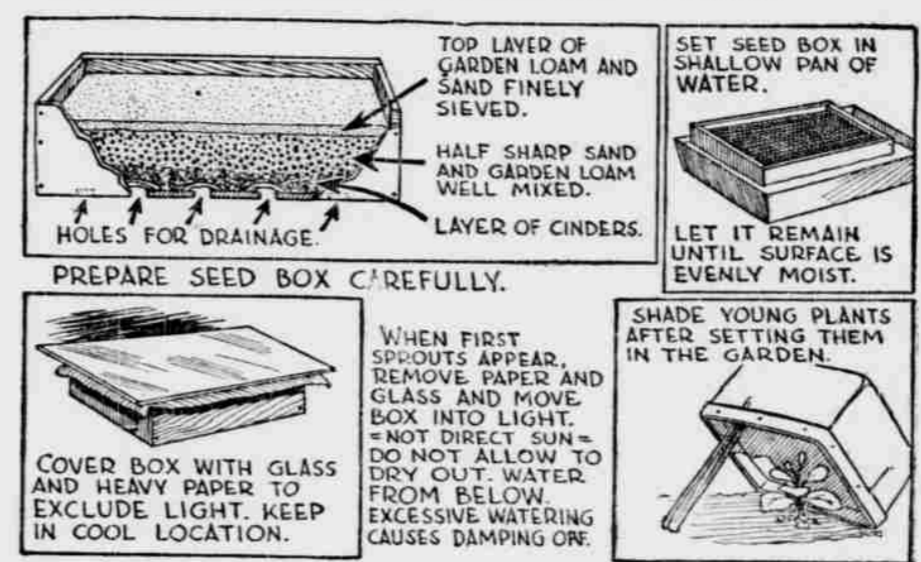
Writes from the Navy
Eugene Gruber, who is stationed on the U. S. San Pedro near Los Angeles, writes that the ship is in the harbor while the engines are being overhauled and has been unable to join other ships in the Pacific fleet for their annual target practice work.

Supplying as Teacher
Miss Evelyn Meade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meade, who reside at the edge of Murray, was called by the County Superintendent and asked to go to Manley to supply for a teacher there who was so ill she could not continue with her school work. Her father took her to Manley Monday to take up her work.

Has Very Sick Horse
W. O. Troop has a team of horses that have long worked together and become veritable companions. If for any reason they were separated, they would whinny for each other. However, one of the animals became sick recently, and instead of whinnying for its companion, the other horse has just gone away and pays no attention to its sick companion. Some who profess to know, say this is a sure sign the sick animal is sure to die, that the other one knows it and just goes

away and leaves his mate and life companion. Perhaps this is what is often referred to as "horse sense," sometimes superior to man's intellect. We do not know.

Seed Box in Sunny Window Gives Plants Head Start



A small box in a sunny window will give the seeds of a few favorable varieties of flowers or vegetables several weeks' head-start this spring.

If you have no cold frame or hotbed, yet do not want to be limited to the selection of plants usually in the market, the seed box offers a way to grow your own.

The name "flat" is usually applied to the seed box. It may be of any convenient size, from a cigar box to the standard florist's flat, which is usually 14 by 20 inches, 4 inches deep. Holes may be bored in the bottom of the box to assist drainage, though if the boxes are not watertight, excess water has no difficulty in escaping through the cracks. A cigar box should be reinforced by wire to keep it from falling apart.

Soil used in a seed box should always be put through a sieve. The coarse soil may be used in the bottom, the fine on top. Florists' potting soil is the best, or a fine garden loam, about half sand.

Seeds may be broadcast one variety to a flat; or sown in rows, which allows several varieties to be grown in the same box, each row being labeled. The broadcast method has some advantage with tiny seeds like petunias.

Seeds which are broadcast are usually less crowded than those in rows. If you sow in rows, use the edge of a ruler to make shallow indentations in the soil; sow thinly, cover lightly, and firm the soil with a block of wood.

By lowering the box in a tub of

water, the soil may now be thoroughly soaked without danger of washing the seeds from their places. A wet blanket of newspaper may be placed over the soil to keep it from drying, and the box set in a warm, dark place until the seeds sprout.

Immediately sprouts appear remove this blanket, and place the box in the sunniest window you own. A kitchen window is good, because humidity is always greater there. If a pane of glass is kept over the box at night, moisture will be conserved; but always lift an edge of this cover during the day, for ventilation; wipe off moisture which condenses on it, and remove it entirely when the plants grow high enough to touch it.

Watering must be thorough; soak the soil whenever it grows dry; and do this without washing the soil. Seed boxes handled this way seldom suffer from "damping off," which is a fungus disease that kills little plants. But if you do have this trouble, then disinfectants can be obtained which will minimize it.

Being constantly under observation the seed box enables the amateur to learn at first hand the way seedlings grow, and the conditions which encourage healthy progress. The temperature of the home is usually satisfactory to the plants, provided it is not too hot. A day temperature not over 70 degrees and a night temperature not below 55 degrees is satisfactory for most subjects. Watering must be done carefully at all stages, being careful to let excess water drain away, and not to row the soil to become dry.

Nehawka

Victor Sturm has been feeling poorly the past week, but is reported somewhat better.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guede and their babe of Palmyra were guests last Sunday at the home of the parents of Mrs. Guede, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kruger, of Nehawka, where all enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

James McVey attended the community sale at Syracuse last week and on his return came by way of Palmyra, where he arranged to rent a farm and will move there in the near future. The place on which he has been living will be farmed this year by its owner, Vilas P. Sheldon.

Not So Sunny There, Either
Dr. Henry W. Walters, who sold out his practice here and accepted a position at Asheville, South Carolina, a few years ago, writes to old friends here that the weather has been plenty cold in that part of the "sunny" south. The thermometer at one time registered 2 1/2 degrees below zero, and the streets and sidewalks were a glare of ice.

Sick at Kansas City
Tommy Mason, the rural mail carrier, has received a letter from his wife, who, with the baby, have been visiting her parents at Kansas City, saying both she and the baby have been ill for some two weeks, but are now improving. They will remain there for some time yet.

Attended Funeral of Cousin
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steffens and Albert Anderson and wife were at Lorton last Sunday, where they attended the funeral of Daniel Keene, a cousin of Mr. Steffens and Mrs. Anderson. The deceased was 56 years old and unmarried. He is survived by his parents who are engaged in farming near Lorton.

Spent a Pleasant Evening
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson entertained three couples at their home Sunday evening. Contract bridge was followed by a delicious luncheon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Kuntz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemon and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Berger.

Meeting with Much Favor
Fred Miller has recently perfected a stock waterer that supplies pure water for stock. It has been tested by a number of large feeders and has proven so successful that Mr. Miller has decided to have it patented.

Fingers Badly Frozen
During the extremely cold weather, Warren Munn was working out of doors and unknown to him until too late, he got his hands colder than he thought. Later he found that the fingers on both hands had been frost-bitten. Since then he has been experiencing much suffering. The ends of his fingers have festered and the flesh around the finger nails has become very sore.

Guests at Switzer Home
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Switzer entertained members of the Pinochle and Bridge club at their home last Sunday evening. Social conversation and a fine luncheon rounded out the evening.

There will be only two more of these weekly sessions this season.

Celebrated Birthdays
Charles Hemphill was born on February 14 at Glasgow, Scotland, in the year 1867, and was 73 years of age on Wednesday. When a young lad, he came with his parents to the United States, but they soon returned to their native land. Mr. Hemphill came back again in the early eighties and remained. In spite of his advanced years, he is feeling very well and able to get about with the agility of younger men.

Mrs. Hemphill, who was Miss Hoback before her marriage, is a native-born Nebraskan, having been born near the dividing line of Cass and Otce counties on February 13. So she celebrated her birthday just one day ahead of her husband. Their friends extend congratulations and best wishes for more years of happy and healthy life in this old world.

CARD PLAYERS IGNORE FIRE
EOSTON (UP)—Fire was raging on the floor above them, but three card players refused to leave their game. Firemen couldn't make them move, so they called the police, who arrested the three men on drunkenness charges.

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