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Cass County Farmer Receives National Award

Harry Knabe, One of the Successful Farmers of County Written Up in "Successful Farming"

In the January, 1941 issue of the "Successful Farming," the magazine of farm business and farm homes, Cameron Harvey devoted three columns of space to a prominent Cass county farmer—Harry Knabe of Nehawka.

Harry Knabe is regarded by many as No. 1 on the list of constructive, influential breeders of Hampshire hogs in the nation. He is the only breeder to have shared in development of four family-herd boars; to have won the coveted National Swine Show trophy three consecutive years for showing the best ten head bred and owned by an exhibitor; and to have shown both the world's grand champion boar and the world's grand champion sow in a single year.

The following is the story of Mr. Knabe's struggle and success just as it appeared in the magazine:

The tough years of the depression and the even tougher years of the drought folded up a lot of good farmers in Nebraska. But not Harry Knabe. Where there's a will, there's a way, the old adage goes. His honest Dutch face glowing with determination, young Harry battled economic tides and natural elements so well on his Nehawka, Nebraska, farm, that he not only survived but managed to show a handsome profit as well.

How Knabe, often against heavy odds, painstakingly worked his way step by step up the ladder of success to the very top is an inspiring story.

Twenty-two years ago, Knabe, then a boy of 16, bought his first Hampshire gilt for a 4-H pig-club project. He didn't care much about hogs then, but when he won second prize with his gilt in a county fair all-breed competition, his delight flowered into a resolute ambition to become a master hog-breeder.

In the fall, Knabe took the gilt to his Hampshire neighbor, R. C. Pollard, and had her bred to one of his good boars for a mid-March litter.

A year passed and the husky piglet of that first litter were hustled off to the state fair by their proud owner. In the pig-club competition, he won first on a boar pig, and first and second on gilts. "I showed my boar pig in the open class and won seventh place. Boy! I was never happier, even when I have since won championships, than I was that day with that seventh place ribbon in competition with the oldsters."

After the state fair, every one of the five boar pigs in the litter was sold for from \$50 to \$175. And to top it off, Knabe was offered \$750 for their dam—the gilt he had paid \$25 for when he started his pig-club project!

To sell or not to sell was the subject of many an anxious debate between Harry and his father. Finally they decided that if the sow was worth that much to anyone else, she probably was worth as much to them. "It's a good thing we kept her, too," says Knabe. "Seven hundred and fifty dollars looked like a pile of money, but if I'd sold her, I suppose that would have been the end of me and Hamp's."

There was no holding him then. Graduating from club work, after winning a state 4-H championship and a free trip to the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, he settled down to the task of making a living from his hogs.

"Knabe built conservatively and soundly. Year after year saw him steadily improving the quality of his herd and winning new laurels in the show ring. Buyers began to hear of the youngster, and soon they were coming from all over the nation to acquire foundation stock and replacements for their herds."

While he probably has made at much real profit out of the purebred hog business as any breeder anywhere for all time, Knabe wasn't one of those "pig-in-a-poke" sellers who have done purebreds so much harm. Square shooting as they come, he has worked hard and intelligently to improve the productive qualities of his Hampshires. Buyers found that they got full measure and some to spare.

When the depression and droughts came, Harry Knabe was prepared. His reputation for honesty and consistently high quality stood him in good stead, and he was able to clear enough to carry him thru.

Times are a little better now, and with his Hampshire profits, Knabe has completely modernized his farm home and has made his farm one of the best equipped in the locality. But it's not a show place by any means.

Looking toward the future, Harry Knabe is all set to do even bigger and better work than he has done in

the past. He's going to breed more and more ham on his hogs and get them closer to the ground than they were a few years ago. Greater spring of rib and more length wouldn't hurt either, he believes.

Probably Knabe will never be satisfied with the kind of hog he is breeding. He's that kind of a man. But if he doesn't achieve everything he wants, there's a second generation of Knabes coming on who show signs of being just as dyed-in-the-wool Hampshire enthusiasts as he is. Just as soon as they are old enough, four-year-old John Edward and 10-year-old Margaret Ann are going to follow in their daddy's footsteps with a 4-H pig club project. If you could hear them discourse learnedly on ways and means in the hog business, you would realize that there is little danger that the Knabe bloodlines will ever fall for lack of someone to carry on.

Our hat's off to Harry Knabe—who had the will and found the way to make his hog business a Dust-bowl bonanza.

Death of Old Resident of Cass County

Herman John Rieke, Resident of Near Murray and Union for Great Many Years.

The death of Herman Rieke, long time resident of Cass county, occurred at his home north of Union on Friday, December 13th.

Herman John Rieke was born June 18, 1865 in Halle, Westphalen, Germany. He came to the United States and Nebraska in 1883 at the age of eighteen years.

When he came to Nebraska he settled at Nehawka, later he moved to the vicinity of Union, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He married Dorothea Eliza Ost March 21, 1893. To them were born eight children, one infant daughter deceased.

Surviving are his wife and seven children, three sons, Fredrick Wm. of Stockton, Calif., John Herman of Weeping Water and George Henry of Union; four daughters, Hattie, Mrs. Oliver Schiber, Mrs. E. N. Hope of Union and Mrs. Cecil Pohlenz of Lincoln; also seven grandchildren and many friends.

Mr. Rieke was baptized and later confirmed in the German Lutheran church in Germany and has always maintained his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 15, with short services at the home and services at the Baptist church at Union. Services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Taylor and Rev. Neil Stewart of Murray.

Active pallbearers were W. B. Banning, John Hobscheidt, Earl Wolfe, John Christensen, George Nickles, Lee Faris.

Honorary pallbearers were James Niday, John Hansell, George Ray, L. R. Upton, C. F. Harris, Hugh Warden.

Burial was in East Union cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the good neighbors and friends for their assistance and sympathy in the illness of our loved one and at the time of our bereavement.—Mrs. Herman Rieke and Family.

WILL SPONSOR BALL

The Junior Woman's club will take over the sponsorship of the Roosevelt ball this year, it was decided last evening at the meeting of the club.

This ball is held on the anniversary of the birthday of President Roosevelt, January 30th for the purpose of raising funds for the campaign against infantile paralysis.

Funds raised at the local ball as well as hundreds over the county are placed at the disposal of the national foundation for the war on infantile paralysis and a part is allotted to local agencies to combat the disease.

Misses Helen Smetana and Anne Knieke are co-general chairmen of the ball and will start at once in planning for the event.

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Snow Removed from Streets in Business Section

Workers Labor Through the Night to Clear Main Streets of Heavy Snowfall.

From Tuesday's Daily—The business section of the city was open to travel this morning and the huge piles of snow that blocked traffic and parking along the streets Monday had vanished. This was due to the prompt action of the city administration, business men and workers in getting snow moved.

In response to the request of Mayor Lillie for workers and shovels, there were some forty ready at 7 o'clock last evening to start in on the work and in addition a group of the local business men and clerks also joined in the campaign to rid the city of snow.

The city in conjunction with the Ad club and business men hired a number of trucks as well as the men needed, in addition to this the county road maintainer was loaned for a short time, pulling the snow to the curbs where the men could more readily shovel it into the waiting trucks. The men kept the work up in great shape and had there been more trucks even greater speed could have been maintained by the force.

The snow was loaded into trucks and taken to the city lot between 2nd and 3rd on Pearl street where it was dumped to await melting.

The removal of the snow was without doubt one of the most effective steps to clean up after a storm that the city has taken for a great many years. A number of years ago the snow was moved into a large row along the length of Main and Sixth street where it remained for weeks as a menace to travel, but usually the snow has been left to let nature take its course.

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. Monday removed the snow in front of their Main street offices with their own truck and labor before the plan of the general cleanup was suggested.

SATURDAY—THE 21ST

That's the day of Santa's return visit to Plattsmouth. If you haven't heard about it, take notice now that he will surely be here on that date "with bells on." The mode of his appearance will be a secret but you will find him at his headquarters in the John Wolf Garage on South 5th street.

He expects to arrive about 1 p. m. and if he possibly can will remain till 4 p. m. when he has to hurry away for his next engagement at Omaha. The room will be warm and he will take time to talk to any little boy or girl who cares to whisper in his ear. Parents are especially invited to bring the little ones who have never yet seen Santa in person. He will have a gift of candy for every child that comes. To the parents we want to say you will find no parking trouble in Plattsmouth incident to this kind of weather. Thanks to Mayor Lillie and the business men a force of over 40 men worked all Monday night to shovel and haul away the snow from Main and 6th streets. Probably no city in Nebraska can boast as clean and clear a curblane than Plattsmouth at this time. Come to Plattsmouth and avoid all parking troubles.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

After spending over a week at the Anton Kani hospital, Omaha, Miss Anna Marie Glaubitz, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Glaubitz, returned home. Anna Marie underwent a minor operation and is slowly recovering from the effects.

DEPART FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. George Brinklow departed Tuesday for Oakland and El Cerrito, California, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout, parents of Mrs. Brinklow and also her brother, Lester Stout.

While there they will also enjoy the opportunity of visiting with a number of the old time friends now residing on the west coast.

PROGRAM FRIDAY EVENING

A play will be enacted at the Philpot school Friday evening, December 20 at 8 o'clock. Admission is adults 20c, children 10c. Everyone is welcome. Verona Jerabek and Osa Marie Boedeker, teachers.

ENTERS SERVICE

For the first time since twenty-three years ago, a representative of the Journal is entering the services of his country, Lawrence Lamberson, who has been the carrier on Main street and the first ward, has enlisted in the navy.

Lawrence gave up his carrying work Saturday and will soon be a full-fledged member of Uncle Sam's naval boys at the training station, making ready for active service. An older brother, Earl, is also a member of the naval forces.

The Journal and his friends join in the best wishes for every success in his career in the U. S. navy.

Knights Templar Holds Election of Officers

Roy O. Cole Is the New Commander of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5—Election Monday Evening

Monday evening the members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar of this city, held their election of officers and selected the following to serve for the coming year: Commander—Roy O. Cole, Generalissimo—Wm. P. Kraeger, Captain General—L. L. McCarty, Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt, Recorder—L. W. Niel.

The newly-elected commander will appoint the other officers of the commandery to be installed in January.

The retiring commander is Lisle L. Horton who has completed a very successful year in the work of the commandery.

PRESENT BEAUTIFUL PAGEANT

From Monday's Daily—Although the disagreeable weather prevented many of the local people from witnessing the beautiful pageant, "The Light of the World," enacted at the Methodist church last evening, the church, nevertheless, seated a large number of persons who availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the pageant.

The lighting at the church was furnished by County Judge A. H. Duxbury, and the music was sung by the women's choir.

The pageant had as its theme "The Spread of the Gospel Throughout the World," and the following men participated in the program—City Attorney Howard Davis, Rev. James C. Lawson, Superintendent of City Schools Lowell S. Devoe, William F. Evers, Clement Woster, Claude Pickering, Harry White, Hallie Perry, John Prady, Kenneth White, Thornton Baker, Edgar Glaze, George Brinklow, George Conis, William Heinrich, R. C. Jahrig and C. R. Hutchison.

As C. C. Wescott read the story, the various parts within the pageant were enacted. The pageant was a missionary one and showed how the gospel traveled from Jerusalem to the numerous parts of the world. The lighting, a symbolic part of the pageant, was carried out by the use of candles.

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Red Cross Production Committee Shows Activity

Every Branch Working and Two Sub Branches Organized for Service in Campaign.

Mrs. F. J. Knecht, production chairman, for Cass County Red Cross reports that Cass county is 100 per cent in organization for production, with every branch working, and two sub branches. They are the Four Corners club, Avoca, and the Ash Grove Cement club, Louisville, which has seventeen members, making nineteen units in all.

Production chairmen still have need of more sewers and knitters. Get in touch with your local chairman at once, and let her know what you will do.

Cass county production chairmen are: Alive—Mrs. W. C. Timblin, Avoca—Mrs. Caroline Marquardt, Cedar Creek—Mrs. Mary Schneider, Eagle—Mrs. Ernest Underwood, Elmwood—Mrs. Emily Gonzales, Greenwood—Mrs. Hazel Dyer, Louisville—Mrs. E. H. Worthman, Louisville—Mrs. Gretchen Heil, Ash Grove Cement club, Manley—Mrs. Rudolph Bergmann, Murdock—Mrs. Floy Buell, Murray—Mrs. Evelyn Norris, Mynard—Miss Grace Livingston, Nehawka—Mrs. George Sheldon, Plattsmouth—Miss Edith Solomon, South Bend—Miss Edith Braun, Union—Miss Mary Becker, Wabash—Mrs. Katharine Munford, Weeping Water—Mrs. Martin Blum.

MRS. THOMAS MURVEY, Publicity Chairman.

RETURNS FROM THE WEST

From Monday's Daily—Cyril Kalina, who has been at the bedside of his daughter at Hood River, Oregon, returned home this morning on No. 6 over the Burlington. He reports the daughter, Mrs. Newell Pollard, as gradually showing improvement, but still quite ill from the effects of the bursted appendix. Mrs. Kalina will remain in the west until the daughter is able to leave the hospital.

DISCUSS GIRL SCOUTS

Miss Dorothy Taylor, district director of Girl Scouts for this area with headquarters in Kansas City, met with a group of Plattsmouth club women on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Wescott. Plans were outlined for the expansion of the work in Plattsmouth and it is anticipated that in the future a number of troops will be formed in Plattsmouth.

IN OMAHA HOSPITAL

Wilda Rouse, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rouse, is in the Anton Kani hospital, Omaha, where she underwent an emergency appendectomy operation. The young lady was rushed to Omaha at one o'clock Sunday morning. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. W. A. Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold. Her condition is said to be fair.

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

The seventh annual candle lighting service presented by the Methodist choir, will occur Sunday afternoon, December 22 at the Methodist church at 5 o'clock. d19-11w-3td

ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF EGG-LAYING CONTEST

In the Brink Hatchery ad this week some interesting facts and figures are given on the result of the 70 day egg laying contest just recently ended. Confined in a laying battery in the hatchery window, the eight hens laid a total of 363 eggs, worth \$6.05 on the very conservative valuation of 20 cents a dozen. The cost of the feed was \$3.90, leaving a net profit of \$2.15, which refutes the claim of some that you can't make money on eggs feeding the so-called high price feeds.

A Buff Orpington hen owned by Mrs. Ed Ruffner won the contest by laying 55 eggs in the 70 days, only one more than a White Wyandotte owned by Mrs. Fred Lutz, with 54 to her credit. The weekly production of the hens was as follows:

No. 1	55	77	77	65	67	55
No. 2	56	56	56	66	55	54
No. 3	45	65	46	66	63	51
No. 4	35	45	65	55	55	48
No. 5	03	56	66	66	63	46
No. 6	01	55	55	55	52	38
No. 7	45	35	53	03	04	37
No. 8	01	13	56	64	44	34

\$1 Dozen to the Winner

Mrs. Ruffner will receive \$1 per dozen for the eggs produced by her prize winning hen, while the other seven owners will be paid the prevailing market price—now well above the 20 cents a dozen on which profits were reckoned.

Mrs. Oliver Meisinger guessed the exact number of eggs the eight hens would lay in the 70 days—363—and will receive a sack of Wayne All-Mash laying mash.

The hens will probably be kept in the battery for further study of production, since they are not hardened to withstand cold weather, after ten weeks indoors, Mr. Brink states.

They have attracted much attention during the contest, the result of which is pointed to as proof that one can make money feeding the commercial feeds, both on eggs produced and the gain in weight of the fowls—which wasn't considered in arriving at the profit on this group of ordinary farmyard pullets.

ENJOY MOTION PICTURES

Tuesday the members of the Rotary club had the pleasure of having with them a representative of the Ford company, Mr. Niven, of Omaha, who brought with him a number of reels of pictures of the Ford plant as well as personal pictures taken in the Yellowstone park the past summer.

The leader of the meeting was Richard Spangler and the group singing was led by Frank A. Cloldt with E. H. Wescott at the piano.

Don Guthrie, a visiting Rotarian of Oklahoma, was a guest at the luncheon.

LOST ONE AND WON ONE

Plattsmouth lost one round and won another in the debate tournament held at the auditorium of the high school last Saturday. On the negative side of the issue were Clayton Sack and Mary Ann Winscott, who won, and the affirmative was supported unsuccessfully by Ruth Lawson and Margaret Fricke. Their opponents in both rounds were pupils of Benson high school, Omaha.

The question debated was: "Resolved that the Power of the Federal Government Should be Increased."

LEAVE FOR MONTANA

From Wednesday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Everett will depart this evening for a visit in the northwest with two of their children, residing in Montana, where for several years also made their home. They will visit at Folsom with a daughter, Mrs. Alice James at Ural, Montana, with their son, Austin. They plan to be gone for a month or six weeks.

SENDS PAPER AS GIFT

I. P. Campbell, of this city, seeking a Christmas reminder for his daughter, Mrs. Arlie Vanlandingham, of Colusa, California, has ordered the Journal sent to their address. This will keep them in touch with the relatives and old friends here.

Join the Journal's growing list of Semi-Weekly subscribers. It costs only \$2 per year.

Call Men for Physical Exams to Enter Army

Twenty Sent Notices to Appear to Be Examined—Board Has Classified 106 Men Registered.

Twenty men have been sent notices to appear for physical examination from the first one hundred and six men classified for military training under the Selective Service in Cass county. An average of about one man in every five has been tentatively classified as eligible for service.

Dr. R. W. Tyson of Murray will make a thorough physical examination before each man is finally placed in Class I. The majority of men are falling in Class III—(men with dependents.) Men classified in Class II are so placed for six months. At that time each case will again be considered. Men who are deferred for occupational reasons fall in Class II.

Cass county has eight volunteers for army service. If their physical examinations prove them physically fit, they will be the first called. The one naval volunteer will not be called until the navy decides to take recruits for one year, or when his order number comes, which ever is earlier.

Three hundred and sixty-five questionnaires have been mailed in Cass county. This is about twenty per cent of the total registration of 1827 men. No further questionnaires will be sent until after the first of the year.

Alvin A. McReynolds of Nehawka and O. A. Davis of Murray have been sitting every day for the past week classifying registrants. They intend to have the 365 questionnaires which have been filled out, classified by January first.

There will probably be a call for men from this county during the first week in January.

AN APPRECIATION

We would like to take this means of expressing our personal appreciation to all who have assisted in the annual Red Cross roll call for members that has just been completed.

To the roll call directors, chairmen and assistants in each of our seventeen Cass county towns and communities and also to every person who has contributed with your membership.

By your generosity you have made this 1940 roll call the largest since the World war.

We are very grateful for this increase as our Red Cross is so greatly needed at this time. As your roll call director and county chairman we sincerely thank you.

May you be blessed thru the new year with peace and with plenty of cheer each day to pass on to others in your own generous manner. We extend our heartfelt thanks and the season's greetings to every one—Mrs. Ray E. Norris, chairman Cass County Chapter, A. R. C.; Dr. N. D. Talcott, roll call director.

PARENTS OF TWINS

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sullivan are the happy parents of twins, a boy weighing five pounds and a girl weighing six pounds, that were born to them Monday afternoon at the Anton Kani hospital in Omaha. The mother and little ones are doing well and the event brings much pleasure to all of the family circle. The twins are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sullivan of south of the city and Mrs. Sophia Mayfield and great-grandchildren of Mrs. L. H. Peterson.

VISITS FAMILY HERE

Fred H. Sharpnack, who has for the past several months been engaged in the east, came in Saturday to enjoy a visit with his wife and son, Jerry, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ptak. Mr. Sharpnack is engaged with one of the large manufacturing plants that are now engaged in government work at Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. A number of former Plattsmouth men are now engaged at the same plant.

AN OPEN CURBLINE
YOU'LL FIND IT A PLEASURE TO
TRADE IN PLATTSMOUTH

ALL the snow has been hand shoveled and hauled away on Main Street, so the entire curb line is open. Avoid the congestion and parking problems of other cities and come to Plattsmouth to do your Christmas shopping. Stores open evenings to serve you!

Business Men's Ad Club