

# MURRAY

By Journal Field Representative

Dr. R. W. Tyson reports a blessing in the form of a delightful baby daughter coming to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks south of Nehawka with all concerned doing nicely.

Gene Hylands and Hugh Huddles, both of Omaha and friends of George Nickles were in Murray last Tuesday looking after some business matters for a short time and while here were visiting with Mr. Nickles.

E. C. Taylor was in Lincoln last Sunday, guest at the home of his daughter and husband. The weather turned very bad and he remained and with the added inclement weather, did not return until later in the week.

Wm. Sporer was looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Saturday, clearing up some business matters so that he might make a trip to the south to avoid the cold weather. He does not know as yet just when he will go or how long he will remain.

The firemen of Murray had been planning to hold a bingo party the coming Friday evening, but with the coming of the severe cold weather and the snow blocking the country roads, they were undecided during the fore part of the week as to whether they would have it or not.

Dr. R. W. Tyson was invited over near Plattsmouth to welcome a pair of twins which came last Sunday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sullivan, a son and daughter, were also welcomed by the happy grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sullivan and Mrs. Sophia Mayfield.

### Visited Here Last Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Ong, Nebraska, a brother of the late W. S. Smith, who it will be remembered was here a good deal during the illness of W. S. Smith and at the time of his passing and funeral, were visiting here last week and were guests at the Ray Burton home, the former W. S. Smith home. They returned to their home at Ong late last week.

### Weather Causes Sale Postponement.

Luther Womach, who had advertised a sale, to have been held on December 16th, the day of the blizzard, was forced to postpone the sale. The sale was postponed until December 26th, the day after Christmas.

### Feeling Much Improved.

With the very serious illness which kept James Latta in his bed for a number of weeks, with best medical treatment and care, was able to show a marked improvement, and is now up and about again with good prospects of returning to his former healthful condition. His improvement has been a source of joy to "Jimmie's" host of friends.

### Phillip Keil Improving.

News comes from the Clarkson hospital in Omaha where Mr. Phillip Keil has been receiving treatment, to the effect that this gentleman has of late been showing good improvement. It is hoped by his host of friends that he may be able to return home entirely restored to his former health in a short time.

### Writes from Pearl Harbor.

Eugene Gruber, who is one of

Uncle Sam's fighting boys in the United States navy, who has been located at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, for some months now, writes to the parents here saying that he is enjoying life at that place, but that it is very hot out that way, a strong contrast to the weather we are having here at this time.

### Returns to the Service.

Carl Vest, who is a member of the United States navy, and who has been enjoying a ten day furlough here and at Nebraska City, departed last Saturday for the Great Lakes training station, where after a short stay he will be sent to Los Angeles and later to Honolulu, where he will be stationed on one of Uncle Sam's fighting ships.

### Served at Reike Funeral.

Messrs. John Hobscheidt and George Nickles, both very close friends of the late Herman Reike, were chosen as pallbearers to serve at their friend's funeral, which was held at the Baptist church of Union, conducted by Rev. Neill Stewart, pastor of the Murray Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union, former pastor of the Union Baptist church until failing health forced him to retire.

### Enjoyed Sunday Dinner Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shrader of South Omaha, nephew and niece of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nickles, braved the blustering weather last Sunday afternoon and drove to Murray where they enjoyed a 4 o'clock dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Nickles as well as spending the evening here, returning to Omaha late in the evening.

### Will Spend Holidays Here.

Miss Jane Boedecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boedecker, who has been located at Cincinnati, Ohio where she is dean of women of the Conservatory of Music, will return to Murray the coming Saturday, arriving in Union in the evening and will be met there by her parents. She is returning to Murray for the mid-

winter holidays and will return to her work in the east at the end of her vacation.

### Buys Additional Feeders.

W. G. Boedecker was in Omaha last Saturday where he made the purchase of some sixty head of feeder cattle, and had them shipped to Murray and placed on the west farm where they will be fed and cared for by Mr. Forrest Ward, who has been farming the place and where he has grown some 70 acres of corn which yielded 65 bushels the acre. He completed gathering the crop last Saturday.

### Do Prognosticators Prognosticate?

Those who consult the stars and other natural manifestations, have arrived at a conclusion that winter begins on December 21st when the sun crosses the line. Now we would ask in what category does the last month's weather belong?

# Nehawka

By Journal Field Representative

The American Legion has had in mind the enjoyment of an oyster supper Thursday of this week, which it is hoped will not be interfered with by any freakish weather.

Frank Lemon to insure against water backing up on his roof and finding a way into the home, had Albert Scudder rake the drifted snow from the roof of the home.

James M. Palmer who some time ago returned from the hospital where he underwent a major operation, has been able to get out and around of late, doing some light work, which is good news for his many friends.

The mail carriers, Tommy Mason and R. H. Chapman have been having a hard fight to get around over their routes with their deliveries, but with each succeeding day were able to cover more of their territory, thus serving more of the patrons.

Hans H. Stoll has been feeling rather poorly during the last few

weeks, and with a congestion in his lungs he has been kept to his bed. While suffering considerably, he is not considered to be critically ill. It is hoped he may soon be well again.

Matthew Akin has, like Job of old been having his portion of affliction, in the shape of a number of boils which has prevented him from working and as to that from sleeping. He reports the pests as now being so bad that he is getting some rest.

The Nehawka schools will hold their closing session this Friday, after which they will have their Christmas vacation extending until January 6th, 1941. This will give both students and teachers an opportunity to enjoy the mid-winter vacation.

A Christmas party and community program will be held in the near future which will embrace the churches, the schools, the American Legion and all interested in community welfare. A report will be given when arrangements are more thoroughly perfected.

### Masonic Lodge Meets.

At the last meeting of the Nehawka Masonic lodge, there was a good representation and much interest in the proceedings of the lodge. With the conclusion of the gathering it was reported the following officers had been chosen for the coming year: Otto Ehlers of Union, worshipful master; Merritt Pollard of Nehawka, senior warden; A. D. Crunk of Union, junior warden, James M. Palmer, secretary and C. D. Adams, treasurer, both of Nehawka. Dr. R. R. Andersen was chosen senior deacon and Paul Swan junior deacon.

### Visiting Parents for Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gullian and their little infant son, accompanied by Ray Archer, departed early this week for Dunneagan, Mo., their old time home. Mr. Gullian had come to Nehawka when first married, and since their residence here were blessed with a son, whom the parents back home had never seen, and as a surprise, the little grandson is going with the parents to spend the holidays with the grandparents. Mr. Archer is also spending the holiday at the old home.

### Enjoyed Vesper Services.

Last Sunday evening at the auditorium Sunday there was held a vesper service, with a very fine program, jointly presented by the churches and the public schools. There was a large attendance who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The Rev. W. D. Lenker, pastor of the Methodist church had been selected as the principal speaker, but a very sore throat prevented fulfilling the appointment and Rev. Small filled in the hour which was one well adapted to the occasion and duly appreciated, as Rev. Small is a very proficient speaker.

### Still Carrying on at 90.

Mrs. Addie Dodson recently received a letter from the old time home at Huntington, Virginia, where the parents make their home, telling of the celebration of the birthday of her father, B. O. Martin, whose birthday fell on December 13th which was also celebrated with the eldest sister, who was 69 on that day. The father and sister both enjoy good health. The father, notwithstanding his ninety years, looks after the work of their small farm, in the east.

### Small Fire, Great Excitement

Friday of last week the people of Nehawka were startled by the fire alarm. The fire boys were soon in action, and had the blaze, which was in the basement of the home of Mrs. Schwartz, under control and extinguished. The damage was small, as the basement contained a number of empty boxes, some canned goods and discarded effects of the household. Fortunately it was that the firemen were notified in time and the flames were not allowed to spread.

### Entertained Friends Last Sunday.

Four friendly families who often meet for a pleasant evening, one, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Lemon, had with them for the evening last Sunday their friends, the families of Messrs. Albert Anderson and Herbie Kuntz, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Berter, for a six o'clock dinner, after which they all repaired to the vesper services at the auditorium, then returned to the Lemon home where the remainder of the evening was spent playing cards.

### Home From West Coast.

Mrs. Edith Theile, who for the past month has been in the west visiting friends and relatives at Los Angeles and Long Beach, returned home, after a very enjoyable stay in the west where she was privileged to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hob-

son, formerly of Weeping Water and with Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore of Murray who are vacationing in the west.

### Arrival of New Daughter

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks was made happy when the stork last Sunday morning brought to this happy couple a very fine little baby girl. Both the new arrival and mother are doing nicely.

# Weeping Water

By Journal Field Representative

Mrs. Henry Snell has decorated the cream station in true Christmas attire, with a miniature tree.

Miss Mina Leupinstroh of Dunbar is assisting Miss Agnes Rough at the beauty shop during the pre-Christmas rush of work.

Knuke Jensen has been confined to his home for some time with a severe attack of rheumatism. Friends hope he will soon be able to be back at the store.

George W. Hall and his assistant, Halie Perry, who have been doing some plumbing work at the home of Harry H. Thrusland, drove over Wednesday to complete the job.

Mrs. John Poynter of Las Vegas, N. M., arrived last week for a visit at the home of her mother over the Christmas season. She was formerly Miss Bessie Gusset and well known here.

Mr. Heil, mechanic at the Ford garage, secured rooms in town following the blizzard and impassable roads, finding it much preferable to bucking the snow in going back and forth to and from his work.

While George Hall and Halie Perry were here last Wednesday, doing some work, they also called on Mr. Hall's niece, Mrs. W. H. Homan and

husband, Mrs. Homan visited in Plattsmouth Friday with her aunt and uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Willis, who reside on a small acreage just north of town are to farm west of Mynard the coming summer, occupying the farm being vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Womach, who are moving to California after their sale to be held on December 26.

The severe weather of the fore part of the week was responsible for a temporary cessation of work on the new home Jack Bolz is having built. Workmen on the Peter Spangler home northeast of town remained on the job, having the work far enough advanced to provide shelter from the blizzard.

Mrs. Earl Oldham, who has been working at the cream station, has found it necessary to consult the family physician who ordered that she cease work and take an absolute rest. So now, while Mr. Oldham is making his regular trips to Omaha with produce, Anton Jourgeon looks after business at the station.

The Nebraska Power company has a very attractive display window in tune with the present holiday season. The east half of the window is devoted to a display of the electrical goods which they sell, while in the west portion there is depicted the stable beneath the inn in Bethlehem in which the Christ child was born. It is a most beautiful arrangement and one that has attracted a great deal of comment. If you haven't seen it, drop by and do so.

### Missed Connections

Pete Miller accompanied Tony Sudduth to Omaha last Tuesday, when the latter took in a load of produce. The two separated, Tony to look after his business and Pete to look the town over, and when time came to return, in some manner they missed connections, and Mr. Sudduth

came on home, knowing that Pete was well able to look out for himself. So the latter caught a bus that got him to Union at an early hour in the morning, where the Journal field man picked him up and brought him on home.

### Held Christmas Party

Campfire Girls, with Mayme Michelson, their sponsor, enjoyed a fine Christmas party last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Katherine Markland. There was an exchange of gifts, with a general good time enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served.

### CCC Boys Clean Streets

CCC camp boys turned out en masse after the heavy snowfall of Saturday and Sunday and set about the task of clearing the streets of the drifted snow, making it possible for cars to get about readily. Even while engaged in this work, there were numerous motorists who became stalled as the wheels spun, and immediately a group of the boys would gather to give the stalled car a push and get it on its way.

The work of these lads in helping clear the streets is much appreciated by the business men and citizens.

### POSTPONED FARM SALE

Luther Womach, who plans to go to California, where a son resides, was forced to postpone his public sale scheduled for Monday, December 16, due to the heavy snowfall and blocked roads. The sale is scheduled to take place next Thursday, December 26, beginning at 10 a. m.

An ad listing the property to be sold appears elsewhere in this issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal.

Plattsmouth offers a splendid market for farm produce. Local dealers always pay top prices.

# Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, December 22 By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

### "Sharing the Shepherd's Joy"

Luke 2:20. The glorious Christmas season has come again; it is always connected with joy and heralded by mankind with great anticipation. It has captured the world. Christ is on the march. No other event is so stirring as Christmas. The world's history dates from A. D. A new era began when Christ made his entrance into the world. "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5) could well be said of Christ. Old customs were changed. The hope of all true worshippers of God was realized. A new note of joy filled the ether as well as the hearts of the devout. It came from heaven, hence it is genuine, lasting—it has the true ring. Not to the wealthy, the wise, the leaders of people, but to humble laborers—men who occupied a low position, shepherds. They were the ones to hear the first strain of the heavenly choir. This was a special message to make known to "all the people" that the long prophesied, the long hoped for, heaven's greatest gift to man has come. Joy to the world.

Simon can say: "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

The shepherds were the first to see the babe, also the first missionaries. They were simple people and believed the messenger. They are the kind of people whom God can use in his kingdom.

If some should question the shepherds watching their flock in mid-winter, may we say here that the 25th of December is probably not the date of Jesus' birth; it is a date that the early church has set to celebrate. We do not know the date on which Christ was born, but we rejoice in the fact that he was born. The word shepherd is used in both the Old and New Testament in varied ways. God himself is spoken of as a shepherd. (Ps. 23:1; 80:1; Ezek. 34:11-16). Christ speaks of himself as the good shepherd. Many of the Old Testament characters were shepherds—Abel, Isaac, Moses, David. Our Lord went out after the one lost sheep as a good shepherd. Be not afraid—the appearance of an angel in the night would frighten anyone. Any man not in tune with God would be afraid. Adam said: "I was afraid." Sinful men are afraid of a holy God.

After allaying their fears, the angel can tell them his message. He tells them that they are to be messengers of a great message, such as the world has never heard. In that respect every preacher has the same

message—not a social gospel, but a gospel of redemption—that is what the world needs. Why should preachers go so far afield to find themes to preach on? Christ is inexhaustible, and the Gospel contains the unsearchable riches of Christ. Let politicians preach the social gospel. The word gospel came from heaven.

After having received the message and when the host of heaven has sung the doxology, the shepherds consult with each other about this most strange phenomena and then proceed to carry out their plan. They did not put it off for some more convenient season, but the orders are: "Let us now go." Now is the accepted time. And they came with haste. There was no procrastinating.

Many a man has missed his life's opportunity—not the shepherds. They were seeking and they found. What a lesson in simple faith! And they made known what they had heard from the angel. So God expects all his followers to be his witnesses of what they have seen and heard, i. e. their experiences.

But the testimony meeting is discarded and the prayer meeting on the way out. Who then shall carry on the work of the gospel? If not the church, who will? That is the God-appointed way; there is no better way.

It created wonder and astonishment in the stable that night, and the word was carried further, until it reached Jerusalem and Herod's ear. In this the shepherds shared their joy with others. The silent Mother, while the others wondered, not so Mary, she had heard Gabriel's announcement. The matter went far deeper with her. Some are surprised that we hear nothing about Joseph's reaction; he was probably touched as deeply as Mary, but Luke tells us Mary's story. She ponders, puts two and two together, comparing one thing with another. We here catch a glimpse of Mary's character, deep and calm. Spiritually receptive and strong, steady and persevering in grace.

Mary's entire personality was involved. This was not the end; the shepherds returned to their occupation, but keep on glorifying and praising God for being so honored. If all converts would do the same, the fire of revivals would spread and light the candles of others, and the world would soon be aflame for the Lord. May the Christmas joy this year bring the peace of God to the warring nations. It is the peace that endureth.



**BOX STATIONERY**  
Colors and White—Priced at 25c to \$1 a Box  
Cedar Chests filled with Lovely Stationery  
50c - \$1 - \$1.50 - \$2  
Printed, 50c Extra

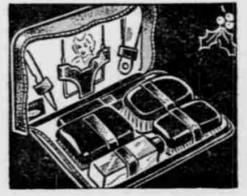


**LAMPS**  
Table Lamps as low as \$1.15  
Others, \$2.25, \$2.75  
Desk Lamps ..... \$2.50  
Dressing Table Lamps with Bed Lamp to Match, at \$3.75. to \$5 Set of 3  
White - Blue - Pink - Green



**TOILET SETS**  
Blue, Pink, Brown, Black, Green  
50c to \$7.95

**MANICURE SETS**  
Priced at ..... 25c up to \$5



**LADIES AND GENTS' Leather Traveling Cases**  
\$2 to \$5 Complete

Bibles..... 75c to \$5  
Scrap Books..... 10c to \$1  
Diaries..... 10c to \$2.50  
Photograph Albums 5c to \$1  
Address Books..... 25c to \$1



Bill Folders..... 50c to \$4.50  
Key Cases..... 25c to \$1  
Coin Purses..... 25c to \$1  
Cigarette Cases..... 25c to \$1  
Cigarette Lighters..... 25c up

**CIGARS**  
5, 10, 25 and 50 in Gift Pkgs.  
Ask about Prices

**Musical Powder Boxes**  
\$3.25 to \$4.50

Compacts..... 50c to \$1.50  
Perfume..... 25c to \$1  
in Fancy Containers  
Crystal Salt-Peppers, set..... \$1  
Crystal Sugar and Creamers  
\$1 and \$1.35  
Vases at..... 5c to \$1



**Fancy Box Candy**  
1, 2 and 2 1/2-lb. Boxes

**FOR MEN**  
Brush and Comb Sets..... \$1  
Tie Racks..... 25c to \$1.25  
Pipes..... 75c to \$2.50  
Pipe Racks..... 25c to \$1.25  
Key Chains..... 50c and \$1  
Pen and Pencil Sets..... \$1.95  
Belt Sets, with Collar and Tie Clasp, only..... \$1  
Knife and Chain..... \$1

**FOR HIS DESK**  
Calendars..... \$1 and \$1.50  
Desk Pen Sets..... \$1.50 to \$4  
Memo Ends..... \$1 to \$5.50  
Bunko Calendar Pads..... \$1  
Ash Trays..... 10c to \$1

**Dress Up Your Presents**  
We have a complete line of Seals, Tags, Gift Wrapping Paper, Ribbon, etc. Low in cost.

# BATES BOOK STORE

# SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM

## The Largest and Oldest Insurance Companies in America

Represented by

INSURANCE AND BONDS  
**DUXBURY & DAVIS**  
PHONE 16  
PLATTSMOUTH