

City Council Hears Discussion Dairy Checkups

Federal Health Unit Tells of Need for Local Supervision—Many Routine Matters Heard.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The city council last evening heard a very interesting discussion of the need of dairy inspection and the local governments setting up ordinances to cover the maintenance of the highest standards of purity and cleanliness in the places where milk is prepared for consumption by the public. A representative of the federal health unit at Bellevue was present and talked for some time on the matter of this important phase of health work. The speaker told of the easy way in which many disease germs are transmitted through milk, and especially of the danger where a transient element brings in greater danger of new disease problems. As a part of the defense area, it was urged that this city should have legislation that would permit strict enforcement of the rules and regulations as provided by the federal authorities.

Several of the most vital needs was to see that the cows were kept clean, that waste was removed and barns kept clean and sanitary, that all vessels or appliances used in preparing the milk for market be kept in the best of sanitary condition, bottles well washed and sanitary and that rooms where the milk is prepared be clean and free from possible germ carrying conditions.

The federal unit had no enforcing power only that of inspection and recommendation, for this reason advising a city ordinance. The representative stated he had received a fine reception and spirit of cooperation from local dairies large and small.

The members of the council were given a model ordinance that will be studied with a view of perhaps enacting a similar one for the inspection of milk from dealers.

The meeting being the first of the month, there were the usual reports of the various city officials for the month of December. City Treasurer M. D. Brown reported that \$21,661.44 represented the city balance on December 31st.

City Clerk Albert Olson reported that for the month of December he had collected the sum of \$142.59 that had been turned over to the city treasurer.

Police Chief Guy Long reported that for the month of December there had been six arrests and fines and costs of \$32.00 collected.

Police Judge C. L. Graves, for the week of December 28, reported three arrests and fines and costs of \$11.25.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities reported that their meeting was to be held on January 23rd at Lincoln, also that the annual dues of the municipalities was due. On motion the sum of \$20 for membership was ordered sent to the secretary at Lincoln.

The city received notice of the vacation of an old road just south of the Oak Hill cemetery, not used for a great many years and which is sought to be formally closed by law.

Councilman John E. Schutz of the lighting committee, presented the report of the committee recommending a street light at Fifteenth and Pearl streets. This was ordered installed by the council. On the matter of a stop and go sign at Sixth and Main streets, Mr. Schutz reported that estimates of the cost was in the neighborhood of \$400. Chairman Noble of the streets, alleys and bridges committee recommended that the wart in the center of the 6th and Main street intersection be removed.

Chairman Seiver of the police committee reported that the city had practically a new police force. Fred Drucker as chief and Ira Parker as assistant chief. The other position had been vacated by the resignation of Clifford Stehr to take up other work. Councilman Schutz pointed out that in the past the members of the police were confirmed by the city council after the recommendation of the mayor. This was carried out and Messrs Drucker and Parker confirmed.

Councilman Schutz complimented Chief Drucker on his policy of being at Sixth and Main when the city schools closed at noon and in the afternoon, protecting the children in crossing the busy highway traffic.

Dr. O. Sandin, fire chief, was present and urged that the city have new locks placed on the fire house on the first floor of the city hall to prevent anyone getting in and damaging the hose in the drying room. It was decided that a lock be placed on the door of the building where the firemen have a club room and then the north door be fastened from the inside as well as the sliding doors of the truck room that could be opened from the inside. A cover was needed for the fire truck and the chief recommended the use of a salvage cloth rather than a tarpaulin, these could also be used to advantage at fires. Fire Chief Sandin also stated that the department was ordered to keep at its full strength and to form a force of twenty-five auxiliary members for use in emergencies.

City Clerk Olson reported that the board of county commissioners had cleared up the matter of taxes on city owned property that had been assessed after the purchase of the tax title by the city. The property has been sold to private parties and this will clear the record in the matter.

The finance committee was authorized to secure the extension of the compensation insurance that will expire before the next meeting of the council.

The council allowed the following claims before the adjournment that came a few moments after 9 o'clock:

General Fund	
A. J. Tritley, pole	\$.75
Lester Taylor, labor	12.60
John Kubieka, same	9.00
Chester Taylor, same	9.45
Fred Rice, plastering	15.99
Iowa-Nebr. Light & Power.	
Co. gas	8.39
Sho's Cafe, meals	.65
W. A. Swatek, mdse.	2.95
Douglas McKnight, Eng.	75.00
Warga Hdw. mdse.	1.55
Bates Book Store, mdse.	6.80
Lefabure Co., mdse.	60.01
Platts Journal, printing	18.00
Lincoln T. & T. Co., phone	8.65
Business Tax Fund	
Lester Taylor, labor	\$ 14.40
Noah Parker, same	7.20
John Kubieka, same	15.60
Chester Taylor, same	5.15
Street Lighting Fund	
Weyrich & Hedraha, supplies	\$ 13.65
Consumers Public Power District, st. lighting	278.73
Fire Hydrant Rental	
Platts. Water Corp., hydrant rental	\$483.96
Road Fund	
Lester Taylor, labor	\$ 32.70
Noah Parker, same	23.62
Walter Olson, same	12.20
Fritz Kauffenberger	12.20
Al Kearns, same	4.80
John Kubieka, same	29.20
Chester Taylor, same	46.95
Marion Taylor, same	12.20
Lewis Melsinger, same	11.00
Joe Richards, same	1.40
W. A. Swatek, mdse.	.45
F. R. Gobelman, mdse.	3.26
Cass County Motor, mdse.	1.60
Cecil R. Lav, heater	4.00
Tidball Lumber Co., asphalt	11.35
Chas. Valley, gas	31.64
Cloidt Service, gas	27.62
Gamble Store, mdse.	1.33
Ote Oil Co., gas	46.74
Dog Tax Fund	
O. F. Smalley, burying	\$ 1.80
Fire Department Fund	
Ote Oil Co., mdse.	\$ 4.69
H. M. Soennichsen, mdse.	5.07
Duxbury & Davis, insurance	5.00

DONATES READERS DIGEST
Our high school library received some very late issues of magazines and Readers Digests from Mrs. E. A. Wurl and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the donation as we were greatly in need of the Readers Digests. Thanking you again—Mrs. Stones, Librarian; L. S. Devote, Supt.

Cass County Farm Bureau Notes

Copy furnished from Office of County Agent Waldo.

Annual Farm Bureau Meeting
Plans are under way for the annual Farm Bureau meeting, Thursday evening, January 29th. The meeting will start with a dinner, followed by business meeting, election of new board members and program. Tickets for the dinner may be secured from Farm Bureau board members including: Parr Young, Nehawka; Harry Bricker, Greenwood; A. J. Rosolofz, Alvo; Miss Evelyn Wolph, Nehawka; Mrs. R. A. Kuehn, Murdock; Mrs. Everett Spangler, Murray; Wm. Ost, Nehawka; Henry Hill, Plattsmouth; Lester Wagoner, Louisville; Mrs. Nelson Berger, Nehawka.

Watch for further details next week.

Cotton Mattress Program Completed
January 17th will terminate the Cotton Mattress Program for Cass county. Some 260 mattresses with the same number of cotton comforts have been made by Cass county

families. 19,601 pounds of cotton, 3600 yards of ticking and 3528 yards of percale, all surplus commodities made available through the AAA, have been utilized.

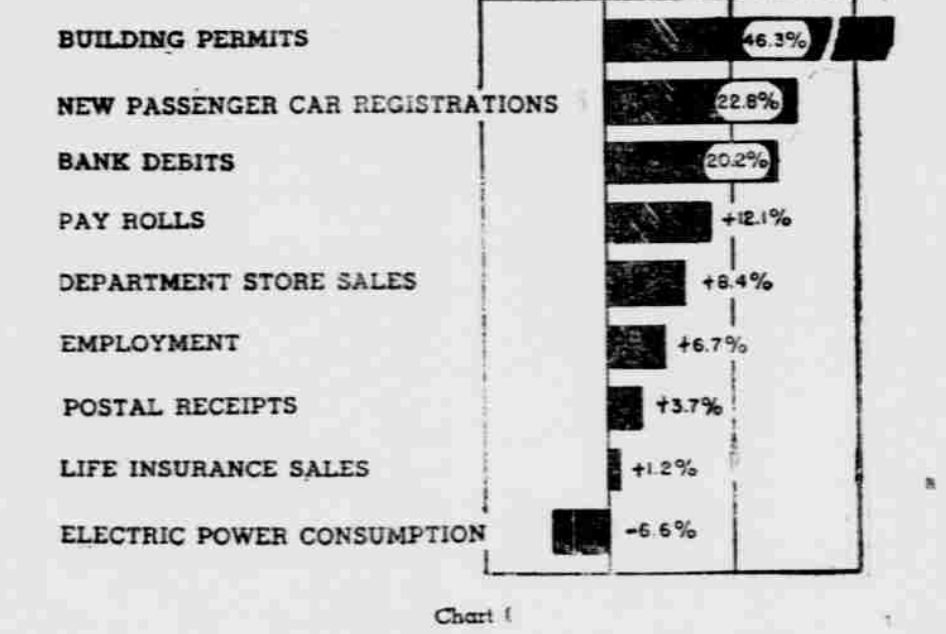
Five Point Victory Program
A five point educational program to help local farmers and homemakers to meet the impact of war was adopted the past week by the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service.

The five points:
An all-out "Nebraska Victory Home and Garden Program."
Revision of the pasture-forage-livestock program to fit present needs.
Better nutrition on the farm for the family.
An energetic 4-H program, with greater enrollment and emphasis upon production and citizenship.
Keeping up morale of farm people.

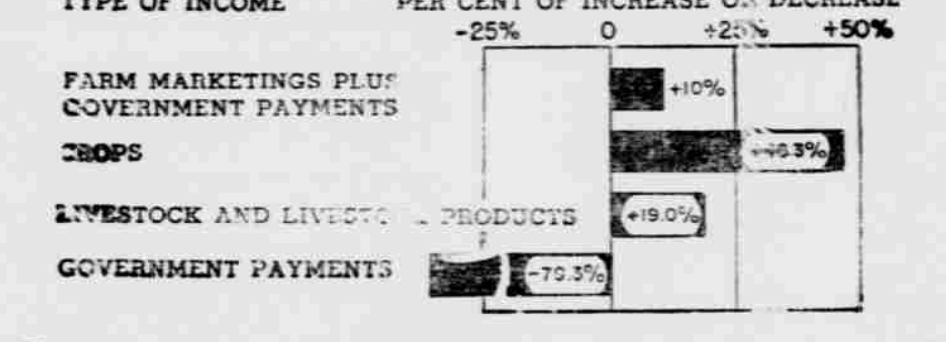
Several public meetings will be held in Cass county during the next three months dealing with all of the various phases of the "Victory Program."

Clarke-McNary Tree Orders
Orders for trees to be furnished for 1942 planting under provisions of the Clarke-McNary Act are being placed by scores of farmers in all parts of Nebraska, according to Earl Maxwell, extension forester at the Nebraska College of Agriculture. Maxwell says that anyone interested in obtaining excellent trees for windbreak plantings at a cost as low as one cent each should see their county agricultural extension agent. The Cass County Extension Office has application blanks which name and describe the twenty species that are available.

Most Nebraska Citizens Were Prosperous in 1941



1941 FARM INCOME COMPARED WITH 1940



The year 1941 was a prosperous one for most Nebraska citizens, according to a year-end review of general business activity prepared by the University of Nebraska College of Business Administration. Business in the state increased significantly over the previous year and is now within five points of the peak year of 1929.

Chart 1 summarizes 1941 as compared with 1940. Eight of the indicators show an increase in business while only one shows a decrease. The dollar value of building permits issued represents the largest gain. On the other hand the consumption of electric power, primarily a measure of industrial output, shows a decrease. The explanation may lie partly in the small amount of defense production in the state and in the decreased supply of consumer durable goods due to material shortages and limitations placed on output.

Bank debits, best single indicator of general business activity, were larger by one-fifth over 1940. Only part of this increase represents an expansion of the physical volume of trade since the rise in retail prices is reckoned at nearly 15 per cent. Increase in retail sales is largely the result of brick buying in late summer. Department store sales were 6 per cent lower in December than in November, allowing for seasonal variation. The physical volume of holiday retail prices was probably less than a year ago.

Stores in Nebraska towns of less than 2500 population had the largest increase in retail sales (14 per cent) for the first eleven months of 1941 as compared with 1940. Lincoln stores reported the smallest increase, 6 per cent, while Omaha and Grand Island stores reported 9 and 11 per cent increases respectively.

Increase in new passenger car sales came from the large volume of business during the first half of 1941. The per cent of increase declined in November and December.

Life insurance sales were slightly higher during 1941, indicating some increase in business confidence—before war was declared.

Even though Nebraska industry may not have secured its share of defense orders, business in the state has expanded. The number of workers employed increased during 1940 by 6 per cent over January of the same year. For the first nine months of 1941 the increase was doubled to 12.1 per cent. Payrolls increased even faster than employment during this period indicating wage increases. The relative size of Nebraska industries in 1940 and during the first nine months of 1941 is shown by the following table.

Industry	Employment % of Total	Pay Rolls % of Total
Wholesale and Retail Trade	39.7	38.0
Mfg.	26.2	27.4
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	12.4	11.1
Services	9.3	9.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.1	6.9
Construction	5.6	5.7
Mining	.5	.6
Agriculture	2.2	.4
All Industries	100.0	100.0

The trend in Nebraska business the first nine months of 1941 as compared with 1940 is shown in the next table:

Industry	% Increase or Decrease	Employment % Increase or Decrease	Pay Rolls % Increase or Decrease
Mining	+48.0		-65.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	+21.2		-22.1
Construction	+17.9		-55.0
Manufacturing	+10.3		+9.9
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Nebraska farm income increased 10 per cent during the nine months of 1941 over corresponding months of 1940 despite the enormous decrease in government payments. This is shown in Chart 2 with a breakdown into crops, livestock and livestock products, and government payments.

Crop production for the last year is estimated by the department of agriculture as one of the largest in history, and production in Nebraska is no exception. Acreages and yields of most principal crops were considerable larger than in the preceding year, potatoes and sugar beets the only exceptions. Acreages of winter and spring wheat harvested were smaller, but the total yield is significantly larger.

Production of meats also is estimated to set a new high record and production of eggs was greatly above the normal seasonal average toward the end of the year. Nebraska farmers benefited by some of this greater production as evidenced by the increase in the cash return from livestock and livestock products.

Prices of farm products rose rapidly during the last year. During 1940 farm prices averaged 2.3 per cent above the January prices of the same year, while during 1941 they averaged 31.2 per cent above the former base. Prices paid by farmers also have risen, but less rapidly—the rise during 1940 being negligible and during 1941 only 5.4 per cent above January 1940 prices. A moderate rise in the price of farm products is forecast for 1942, but a more rapid rise in prices paid by farmers will decrease some of the recently acquired farm purchasing power.

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Home Accounts are a useful tool in helping us get our money's worth which is more important than ever these days, says Jessie H. Erdwin, home demonstration agent in Cass county.

Women have kept accounts, sometimes with one object in view, sometimes with another for many years. Even those who were not conscious of an object may have found benefit in keeping records. Just the entering of everything they bought and seeing it in black and white can be a check on extravagant and useless buying.

Accounts need not be elaborate or technical. The simple system offered in the home account book of the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service serves hundreds of Nebraska families well. Let a family record help you: Run your farm and home on a business basis; Reduce the high cost of living; Guide you in distinguishing between needs and desires; Plan and spend more wisely; insure a well balanced living.

Home account books can be obtained at the county extension office.

Nebraska Seed Law
The Nebraska seed law requires that all seed sold or offered within the state must be tested and tagged with the analysis, according to Raymond Kinch, state seed analyst with the Nebraska State Department of Agriculture and Inspection. There is a lot of poor seed offered for sale every year and with higher prices Cass county farmers should study labels on all lots of seed carefully. The seed tag attached to each seed container must show the percentage of pure seed, inert matter, crop seeds, weed seeds, and the germination.

Besides the percentages of germination and purity other information about the seed must be shown, such as kind and variety, origin, date the germination test was made, and the number of secondary noxious weed seeds present, if any.

Analysis of seed samples up to five per month are made by the seed laboratory at the state capitol, free of charge, for each person. When samples of seed are to be analyzed, it is very essential that the sample be representative of the entire lot, else the test will not reflect the true quality of the seed. Farmers who have seed to sell may obtain approved labels from the department at one cent per label.

SATURDAY WEDDINGS
On Saturday evening at the home of Judge A. H. Duxbury was celebrated the wedding of Ralph Lewis Reed, of Falls City, and Miss Louisa Pauline Gress, of Nebraska City. Mrs. Duxbury and Dorothea Mae Duxbury served as the witnesses.

Judge Duxbury also performed the marriage for Michael M. Negomis and Blanch S. Laitner, both of Omaha, with Louis and Paul Negomis of Omaha serving as the witnesses.

Phone printing orders to No. 6.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

The Plattsmouth public library circulated 3029 books in the month of December; 199 of these went to the Masonic Home; 26 new borrowers were added to the list of patrons.

Several generous gifts are gratefully acknowledged. A year's subscription to Fortune magazine has again been received from R. A. Bookmeyer of New York City. A small library like ours would not be justified in spending \$10 for one magazine subscription, even so beautiful and fine a magazine as Fortune. Mr. Bookmeyer's gift brings interest and pleasure, particularly to many of the men of our community for Fortune articles are in the realm of immediate masculine interests—trade and commerce, science, politics, war strategy.

\$25 was received from Chapter F. P.E.O. This gift has come annually for many years from Chapter F, whose members have always had the welfare of the library at heart. Miss Jones, our former librarian, has been a member of Chapter F for over 50 years.

Subscriptions to Wee Wisdom and to Progress were received from Mrs. I. Orlando Smith of Garden City, Calif.

Seventy-five books have been sent to the Fort Crook army library this month, while books are being collected for our boys in service. We hope those of you with private libraries, will be generous and give as many books as possible. At the same time please keep in mind that boys like books of current and modern interest. Don't unload on them your old, musty volumes from the early 1900s, because they won't read them—you wouldn't either. Send new books on science, business, agriculture, and biographies and snappy stories. Send books you'd like to read yourselves.

Harpers Magazine for January, 1942, has a splendid article "The Only Woman in the Lifeboat." This tells of eight days in an open boat on the ocean, after the sinking of the City of Benares which was taking English children and their escorts to the safety of Canada. Mary Cornish, one of the escorts, was the woman, and her courageous and faithful care of the six boys in the life with her and 39 men, is a moving story.

The first article in Atlantic for January is "Flight to Arras" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. The author is an experienced flier over the airways of Africa, South America, Europe and Asia. If you enjoyed his book, "Wind, Sand and Stars," you will not want to miss this latest work of his.

THE CHILD AROUND THE CORNER

Remember Pearl Harbor—But don't forget the youngster around the corner.

Anti-aircraft guns, bombers, torpedoes and battleships may defend boundaries, but they are useless in the war which Nebraska and every state in the union is prepared to carry on against a common foe—infauntle paralysis.

There is no air warden, no siren to announce the approach of infantile paralysis. It strikes without warning, has its own peculiar black-out, and leaves its deadly cargo of crippled bodies.

As in all major battles the amount of damage done depends upon how quickly help is received. The proper and necessary equipment at the right time may save your child and your neighbor's child from a life of invalidism. That protection against braces, crutches and wheelchairs is in the hands of every man, woman and child in every community.

This month of January, in which the president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt celebrates his sixtieth birthday anniversary, is dedicated to all of the twenty-six thousand children in America who are suffering from the effects of the dread disease, and to the thousands of other boys and girls who may feel the clutching hand that twists and cripples but seldom kills.

PHYLIS BOURCK.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal of Lincoln, were here Sunday to spend the day with Judge C. L. Graves, father of Mrs. Royal.

Farmers Urged to Aid in Search for Scrap Metals

Need for Scrap Iron and Steel May Be Aided by the Scrap from the Farm of America.

LINCOLN, Jan. 14 (UP)—Nebraska farmers must not become so engrossed in food production that they forget other vital shortages, the Nebraska USDA war board declared today.

"The nation is counting on farmers to provide a large share of the scrap iron and steel vital to the war production effort, and to practice conservation of rubber, baling wire and burlap in addition to conservation of their soil," the statement said.

The board estimated that when the recent campaign to salvage scrap was launched more than 1,000,000 tons of scrap lay useless on the nation's farms.

The junk metal would be sufficient to build 139 modern 35,000-ton battleships, the board quoted the OPM as estimating.

"And the farmer who has only 125 pounds of rusty scrap on his dump pile has enough to make a 500-pound aerial bomb; and if he piles it up with that of all farmers in his county, 36,000 pounds of it, when mixed with other materials, will make one 27-ton medium tank."

Since the opening of the salvage drive, a "considerable dent" has been made in the farm scrap heap, but "much" remains to be moved, the Nebraska board said.

The farmers also were urged to "go easy" on their baling wire, as enough iron for three modern battleships, or 3,000 medium tanks, will be diverted to that agricultural use in 1942. Burlap bags are to be saved, the board pointed out, as imports of Burlap from India "have been cut to a trickle—and two-thirds of the small imports now being received is taken by the government for military purposes."

in the year ahead.

We who can walk, who can set our strong, straight hands to the tasks before us can help by seeing that the "mille o' dimes" grows into "miles o' dimes." We, whose backs are strong, should be willing to share the load of relief and comfort for those who are less fortunate.

Somewhere in your vicinity will be a President's Birthday Ball, or other activity, where you may make your financial contribution by purchasing tickets. The proceeds do not go to the president of the United States, or to the government. They go to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, which in turn reapportions the money for use in vicinities in all of the states, as well as to the scientific research laboratories.

We must not forget that youngster around the corner—lest the sight of a crippled child bring remorse to our hearts and shame to our souls.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The first meeting of the reorganized Girl Scout troop was held Monday evening at the library. Four patrol leaders were elected. They are: Claudene Keller, Beaver Patrol; Norma Siemers, Star Patrol; Hermina Reichstadt, Busy Bee Patrol; Mary Irene Libershal, Lark Patrol.

New members are as follows: Honey Lou LaHoda, Mary Lou Walling, Beverly Djureen, Betty Lou Knox, Joan Gradoville, Clara Belle Rhoden, Darlene Hachenberg, Darlene Blunt, Betty Gochenour, Alice Shipley, Louise Sheard, Wilda Hanka.

The meeting was closed with the singing of "Taps."

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