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## Precinct Assessors Of County Hold Annual Meeting

Discuss Tax Problems and Set Schedule of Prices for Assessment of Personal Property

Tuesday was assessors' day at the Cass county court house with all of the precinct assessors of the county here to meet with County Assessor W. H. Puls and the board of county commissioners, discussing many of the problems that will be faced in its assessing of the real estate and personal property of the residents of the county.

Among the various schedules set for the personal property valuation on grain and live stock, among these being the following:

Cattle—yearlings, no grade, \$30 up; pure bred, \$50 up. Two-year olds, no grade, \$40 up; pure bred, \$50 up. Milch cows, no grade, \$55 up; pure bred, \$65 up. Stock cattle, no grade, \$45 up; pure bred, \$55 up. Fat cattle or cattle on feed, 8c and 12c. Bulls, registered or pure bred, \$75 up; bulls, grade, \$70 up.

Horses—Yearling colts, \$15 up; two-year olds, \$25; three-year olds and over, \$40 to \$60; ponies and plugs, \$20 up; stallions, \$100 up.

Mules—Yearlings, \$20 up; two-year olds, \$35 to \$50; three-year olds and over, \$50 to \$80; plug mules, \$20 up; jacks, \$100 up.

Hogs of all ages, 11c and 12c. Sheep and goats, \$5 a head. Bees, stands, \$2.50 each.

Field corn—white, 70c; yellow, 60c; seed corn, \$1.50.

Oats, 40c; barley and speltz, 40c; grass, alfalfa and clover seeds, per bushel, \$15, \$10; sweet clover \$5. Hay, alfalfa, silage, \$7 ton.

Farm machinery, actual; household goods less \$200 exemption, actual; electric or gas stoves, refrigerators, sweepers, etc., 100, 70, 50, 30 per cent; electric or power washers, mangles, sewing machines, 100, 70, 50, 30 per cent. Radio and equipment, 100, 70, 50, 30 per cent.

The real estate assessment will be about the same as that of the last assessment with but little change.

The assessors present at the meeting were: Tipton, E. P. Petts; Greenwood, Roy Coatsman; Salt Creek, Lawrence Coleman; Stone Creek, R. J. Miller; Elmwood, William Bourke; South Bend, M. E. Bushnell; Weeping Water, John Hopkins; Center, William Sheehan; Louisville, Ed Ingram; Avoca, Ed Morley; Mount Pleasant, Henry Ragoo; Eight Mile Grove, Harry Meisinger; Nehawka, V. O. Lundberg; Liberty, W. H. Porter; West Rock Bluffs, O. A. Davis; Rock Bluff, W. A. Wheeler; Plattsmouth, Mike Vetesnek; Weeping Water City, first, George Spohn, second, E. B. Taylor; Plattsmouth City, first, John Libershal, second, James Rehal, third, Miles Allen, fourth, John Schutz, fifth ward, resigned.

## To Missouri Camp

Carl Hula, local young soldier, who has been at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, since his induction has been transferred to a new post. Carl is now located at Camp Crowder, one of the new camps established and located near Neosho, Mo. He is liking the army fine and enjoying the fellowship of the men with whom he is now associated.

## Undergoing Treatment

Mrs. Floyd Fulton, who has been ill at her home for the past few weeks, has been taken to Omaha and is now at the Clarkson hospital. The cause of her illness has not been determined, but it is hoped through the hospital treatment she may be restored to her former good health.

## REJOICES IN NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cappel of this city, are the parents of a fine five pound and 15-ounce baby son, born Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and the occasion brought a great deal of happiness to all of the family circle.

## Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Franklin Wehrbein was taken suddenly ill on Sunday evening and the patient discovered to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis in an acute form. She was hurried on into Omaha and placed in the Clarkson hospital where an operation was performed at once. Mrs. Wehrbein came through the operation in fine shape and is doing just as well as could be expected at this time.

## Well Known Young People Married In California

Ceremony Unites Miss Anna Margaret McCarty and First Lieutenant Edwin C. Kalina

On Sunday, March 22nd at Sacred Heart church, Salinas, California, was celebrated the marriage of Miss Anna Margaret McCarty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon L. McCarty, of Oakland, California, to First Lieutenant Edwin Cyril Kalina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina of this city.

The marriage was performed by Rev. Father Higgins, pastor of the Sacred Heart church and the young people were attended by Lieutenant Lighthall, an army associate of the groom and Miss Helen Tracey.

Both the bride and groom were born in this city, growing up together in this community, and both were graduates of the class of 1934 of the Plattsmouth high school. Later they attended the University of Nebraska, and the groom was called from there into active military duty two years ago.

The bride has made her home on the west coast for the past two years and where the parents are now located. Lieutenant Kalina has been stationed on the coast for the past year.

During the service of Lieutenant Kalina, Mrs. Kalina will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McCarty, 1732 Central avenue, Oakland.

To the young people will go every good wish of the many friends here in Plattsmouth.

## November Term Ends

District Judge W. W. Wilson was here today to hold a session of the court and while here officially closed the November term of the court.

Judge Wilson heard the plea of Henry Mitchell, charged with forgery, who made a plea of guilty and was granted a parole from a sentence of two years.

Judge Wilson will return Wednesday morning when the trial of the case of Walter Gochenour vs. Arnold J. Lillie, et al will open, as the first jury case of the term.

The two cases of the State of Nebraska vs. Watson Brothers, involving appeals on convictions for overloaded trucks, will be tried to the court on April 8th, the jury being waived.

## Quite Seriously Ill

Mrs. S. Krejci, residing in the west part of the city, is quite seriously ill at the family home. Mrs. Krejci has been in poor health for the past several years, suffering a cerebral hemorrhage on Friday night and since that time has been unconscious. The members of the family from distance points were called here to be with the others at the side of the mother. Joseph Krejci, teacher and coach at the Sheldon, Iowa, junior college, arrived Sunday to be with the mother.

## Suffers Broken Arm

Mrs. James Bridgewater of this city, is at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, as the result of a fall Sunday evening. Mrs. Bridgewater was going from her home to that of a neighbor to secure some milk, a small dog suddenly ran in front of her, tripping her and the result was a fall. The left arm was fractured and the patient taken on into Omaha where the arm will be set today.

## Palm Sunday is Observed in Local Churches

Blessing of the Palms in Catholic Churches and Special Music and Sermons in Others

Palm Sunday, ushering in the observance of Holy Week in the community, was extensively observed in the churches of the day and special music featuring the services.

At the St. John's and Holy Rosary churches the blessing and distribution of the palms to the members of the congregations were carried out with the message of the day.

St. Luke's Episcopal church had the celebration of the Holy Communion and a very powerful and inspiring address by the rector of the church, Canon George St. George Tyner, carrying the significance of the date in the christian church.

In the Christian church Rev. E. F. Himes had two moving sermons, the morning that of "The Steadfastness of Jesus" and in the evening "Our Apostle and the High Priest."

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church at the morning service at 10:30 had the reception of the catechetical class of eight brought into the membership of the church. Rev. Willard Sherman received Norma Jean Seimer, Betty Schubeck, Betty Kraeger, Joyce Brookhouser, Mary Ellen Buechler, Donald McClintock, Lyle Meisinger, Maynard Geschke for the church.

The First Methodist church at the morning service enjoyed the sermon, "Triumph of Jesus," delivered by Rev. L. W. Bratt, and also the choir of the church entered in a processional with palms while Mrs. Loughrey gave a beautiful rendition of "The Palms."

The special music at the morning service was that of "Pardon" by Munder, the solo part being taken by Wilbur Hall.

The vesper services at 4 in the afternoon was a beautiful presentation by the junior choir of the church, a cantata, "Love Triumphant," being presented by the group. This was interspersed by the reading of the story of "Tor," a youth of the time of Christ, given by Dorothea Duxbury, talented member of the high school dramatic department.

The First Presbyterian church had as the guest speaker at the morning service, Louis Korseman, a student from the Omaha seminary, who gave a very fine address. Frank A. Cloidt of the choir sang "The Palms" in keeping with the story of the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem.

## Draws Heavy Fine

Monday afternoon in the county court Oliver Jewett, of this city, was charged with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, the arrest being made by the state highway patrol.

The defendant received a fine of \$50 and costs or the alternative of 30 to 60 days in the county jail and took the fine, the same being settled and the defendant released.

He also had his drivers license revoked for a period of two years, this being the second offense, as he had just regained his license in February.

## Child Doing Fine

Reports from Nebraska City are to the effect that Bobby Lou Farris is now doing fine at the home there where he is recuperating from a very serious illness. He was for some time at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha and for days his recovery was the matter of grave concern. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reinackle of this city.

## CARD OF THANKS

To our many kind friends: We desire to acknowledge the many kindnesses extended to us during our present illness; for the spoken word, for the kindly greetings, for the flowers and for every wish for our recovery. We are hoping to be with you all soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. BRIGGS.

## Daughter to Koops

Mr. and Mrs. John Koop of Omaha, are the proud parents of an eight pound baby girl born this morning at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha. Reports say that the mother and little one are doing nicely. The occasion brought much happiness to the family circle. Mrs. Koop was formerly Miss Marie Vallery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vallery and worked for a number of years at the Ladies Toggery.

## Weeping Water Citizens Protest Beer Licenses

Send Petitions Signed by 100 to State Liquor Commission; Hearings to be Held April 6

LINCOLN, Nebr., March 31 (UP)—One hundred persons have signed a petition protesting against sale of beer and liquor "in any form" in Weeping Water. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission will hold hearings on April 6 on five applications from the Cass county town.

Chairman T. Osterman said today. Three of the applications are renewal for on sale beer and one a renewal for package liquor sales. The beer application renewals are sought by Guy B. Hopkins, Zorah Jorgensen and L. R. Wiseman and the license by Beverages, Incorporated. Kund Jensen is seeking a package liquor license.

To be a "dry town" it would require 51 per cent of the votes cast at the last general election at Weeping Water on a petition for presentation to the city council.

"Today's petition, however, is officially not a move to make the town legally dry, but protests merely against granting of any liquor or beer licenses," Osterman said.

## Now in Colorado

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Gradoville, who have resided in Des Moines, where Dr. Gradoville was at the Veterans hospital dental clinic, are now settled in their new home at Fort Lyon, Colo. They like the new location and climate very much.

They have sold their home in Des Moines and moved their effects to the west, the younger children going with the parents. Miss Catherine, the eldest daughter, has a position at Washington, D. C., while the two older boys will remain in Iowa for the rest of the school year.

Charles being a student at Iowa State at Ames and Bob graduating this year from the Dowling high school at Des Moines.

## Writes from War Scenes

Mrs. George Trotter today received a letter from her husband, somewhere in the service of Uncle Sam in the army. The letter was dated on February 8th and stated that he was well and doing all right. Sgt. Trotter was for several years with the 17th infantry at Fort Crook, later being sent as staff sergeant to foreign service. This is the first letter for many weeks received by Mrs. Trotter and their little daughter, Beverly.

## Confers Degrees

Last evening Nebraska Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, held a very largely attended session at the Masonic building. The capter conferred the Royal Arch degree on two candidates, John F. Bauer and Donald Cotner of Essex, Iowa.

Following the degree work the members of the chapter enjoyed the refreshments that had been arranged by the committee in charge.

## UNIVERSITY LEADER HERE

Miss Margaret Fedde, chairman of the home economics department of the University of Nebraska, was a visitor in Plattsmouth over the week-end. Miss Fedde is a university associate of Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis, and while here was a guest at their home.

## United Service Organization In Cass County

Officers Selected for Work of Campaigning for Funds for Recreational Service

The campaign for funds for the United Service group for use in the service camps of the country, is now being organized and the Cass county group has been partially selected.

Mrs. R. E. Norris, Weeping Water, has been named as president; Mrs. Gladys Akeson, Avoca, secretary and Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca, as the treasurer.

The quota for Cass county in the fund will be \$750 and this amount will be solicited in the various parts of the county.

Local chairmen will be named in all of the towns and villages of the county to carry on the work. The United Service Organization is



MRS. R. E. NORRIS

one that is expected to have a most important part in the lives of the service men in the training camps of the country. The organization is planning to give recreational and religious atmosphere in the camps, cooperating with the other welfare groups such as the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Catholic Community Council, Salvation army, Jewish Welfare, in providing something to aid the soldier when in his leisure hours.

The American Red Cross is today, as in the past, the most active factor in caring for the soldiers in active duty in the field or in war fronts, but the U.S.O. will take this work up in the camps.

Mrs. Norris was in the city Tuesday and announced the appointment of Mrs. Jerry McCord, of this city, formerly of Avoca, as the publicity director of the county.

George Conis will be the chairman of the U.S.O. in the city of Plattsmouth.

## John Iverson Receives Commission

John Iverson of this city has been commissioned a lieutenant in the air corps and is at present stationed at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, where he is working in the material department. The commission went into effect 10 days ago and he has been in Dayton for about a week. Mr. Iverson went there directly from Washington where he has been employed for the past several years.

## Visit in West

Mrs. E. G. Ofe departed this afternoon for a trip to the west coast that will cover a few weeks in visiting in the Pacific northwest. She will be the guest of friends in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, and is anticipating a very pleasant time in the many interesting places in that part of the country.

## Spring Vacations

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Miss Bernese D. Ault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ault of Cedar Creek, Neb., a graduate student at Syracuse university, will begin a nine-day spring vacation on Saturday, April 4.

Enrolled in the graduate school majoring in personnel work, Miss Ault will resume her studies April 13.

## Leaves for Canal Zone

This morning Ralph O. Timm departed on the Eagle over the Missouri Pacific for Kansas City, Mo., from where he will continue on to Brownsville, Tex., and then by plane for the Canal Zone. He will be engaged there in defense work for several months at least.

Several others from this locality are engaged in the work in the Canal Zone, among these being Robert H. Bestor, Earl and Thomas Troop.

## Honor Roll of Students of High School

Senior Class Leads School in Number of Honor Students; Freshmen Rank Second Place

The honor roll of the Plattsmouth high school for the third quarter of the school year has been compiled and makes a very fine showing for the young people of the four classes. This is one of the high honors of the school and shows excellent work by the students in the period just closed. The roll by classes follows:

FRESHMEN—John Conis, Elinore Eaton, Mary Evers, Donald Forbes, Eugene Hula, Helen Kruger, Richard Livingston, Elizabeth Meisinger, Norma Spidell, Joe Gradoville.

SOPHOMORES—John Berlett, Donald Bowman, Bernard Dow, Edward Gradoville, Charlotte Jaeger, Geraldine Maasen, Deloris Ruse, Josephine Sedlak, Robert Woster.

JUNIORS—Robert Cole, Catherine Conis, Raymond Evers, Mary Jean Hatt, George Jacobs, Doris Lutz, Donna Seiver, Joan Tiekotter.

SENIORS—Leo Allen, Virginia Bierl, Wilbur Claus, Gertrude Cloidt, Dorothea Duxbury, Bette Gayer, Maxine Graves, Thelma Kruger, Dean McFarland, John Slatinsky, Kenneth Campbell, Bill Hobbs.

## Junior Woman's Club

The members of the Junior Woman's club met at the Hotel Plattsmouth on Monday evening for a special meeting called by the president, Anna Knieke, and the defense chairman, Madge Garnett.

The members decided to sponsor regarding the club's sponsoring a defense program. Mr. Read of the recreational service was presented to the members and discussed various plans.

The members decided to sponsor a Variety Show, presenting talented persons in this vicinity, and the means of admission would be the purchase of a defense stamp which the club will sell at the door instead of tickets. The tentative date for the program is May 3, at the American Legion hall. It is hoped that the people of the community will help make this show a success and thus promote the sale of defense stamps.

Any talented person wishing to participate in the program is asked to notify either Mr. Read or the program committee not later than April 4.

The following committees were appointed:

PROGRAM—Wilhelmina Henrichsen, Shirley Walling, Lotus Nicholas.

TICKETS—Ruth Patton, Agnes Muenster, Alice J. Grosshans.

PUBLICITY—Eula Potts, Rose Janca, Velma Bartley.

HALL—Lillian Schmidt, Rita Libershal, Rosemary Steppat.

## Visits Relatives Here

W. G. Brooks, president of the Chadron State Teachers college, was here for a short time today. He has been in Chicago attending an important school meeting, that of the Northeastern Educational association and is on his way home. He visited here with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crabb and a few of the old friends.

## BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

A seven and one-half pound baby daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Iru Gerdes, Louisville, at the Methodist hospital. The little one has been named Katherine Ann. Mrs. Gerdes is the former Mildred Payton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Payton of this city.

## Jury Finds for Mayor Lillie in Damage Suit

Scaled Verdict Arrived at 8:30 Wednesday Night Opened by Court This Morning

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The assault that is alleged was on March 5, 1941, and the present case was filed shortly after that date and has been pending in court since that time.

The plaintiff, Walter Gochenour, was arrested on the date above given, by the then chief of police, John Jordan, on a complaint sworn out by Mayor Arnold J. Lillie. Gochenour was taken to the city jail and confined by the chief late in the afternoon on the charge of intoxication.

Later Mayor Lillie visited the jail, as he claims at the request of the plaintiff who was seeking release. While Lillie was in the jail the assault claimed occurred. The defendant has denied striking the plaintiff and the plaintiff's contention is that he was knocked down, suffered severe bruises and was kicked. The only one present, aside from the two interested parties was John Jordan, the policeman at that time.

Later Gochenour was treated at the city jail by Dr. R. P. Westover for injuries.

The charge of intoxication was held against Gochenour and on which he was convicted in the court of Judge C. L. Graves, and fined \$10 that was paid.

The jury in the case was sequestered shortly after 10 o'clock and the taking of testimony started. The plaintiff was the first witness and gave his story of the incidents at the jail.

The city of Plattsmouth is not involved in the suit as their demurrer was sustained, taking the municipal corporation out of the liability.

The plaintiff rested their case at 2:30 this afternoon and at the conclusion of the evidence, J. Howard Davis, representing the Western Security company, bondsmen of the city officials, moved that the action as far the company was concerned, be dismissed. Judge Wilson sustained the motion of Mr. Davis and the bonding company, like the city, was dismissed as to the suit.

The ruling of the court leaves the issues between Gochenour and Lillie.

## Returns to Duty

Lieutenant Stephen M. Davis, who has enjoyed a short furlough here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis, departed Sunday for Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He has been at Fort Benning, Ga., receiving special training and stopped here on his way back to his post.

## VISIT AT REST HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander and son Lyle, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Taylor Buck of Stockton, Calif., arrived Sunday at the Austin Rest Home to visit Mrs. Flora Murray and friends.

## Henry Sander Home

Henry Sander returned home Saturday from San Pedro, California, where he has spent the winter. April 1 Henry will resume his duties of meeting the trains with the mail.