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## Urge Conversion of Oil Heaters To Coal Burners

The Office of Price Administration today urged users of oil heating stoves to convert to coal burning units in view of the fuel oil shortage.

This plea was made by W. G. Boedeker, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, following the recent War Production Board order releasing stocks of coal burning stoves to eligible consumers for purchase.

Mr. Boedeker said the 1940 census revealed that there was approximately 250,000 users of oil-fired heaters in seven midwest states which consumed at least two hundred million gallons of fuel oil annually. With every gallon of oil needed so badly for the successful prosecution of the war the local chairman said that wherever it was possible, persons using this type of heating equipment should convert to coal immediately.

Persons eligible to purchase coal-fired units are those converting from oil-fired equipment and those who are replacing coal burning units which are beyond repair.

Prior to the present rationing program of heating stoves, which became effective December 18, it was necessary to secure from the War Production Board a priorities certificate. Under the present plan an application is made to your local War Price and Rationing Board for a certificate of purchase.

Mr. Boedeker suggested that persons wishing to purchase coal-burning heating stoves should apply immediately to their local boards for additional information on the program.

The only types of equipment rationed under this plan are new oil and coal-fired heating stoves or space heaters. Stoves designed to burn wood only and used stoves are not subject to the new regulations.

The regulations designate new stoves as units which have not been sold to users or units which have not been used for more than 60 days. The new regulations apply only to areas where fuel oil rationing is effective.

### Notice

Until warmer weather the future policy of selling stamps and bonds in the stores by girls will be confined to Saturday afternoon and evening. Any one willing to give time to this defense work may receive an appointment for such service by telephoning Mrs. E. H. Wesott, No. 455.

Stores where girls will sell are: Erenberger's Grocery, Swatek Hardware, Bates Book Store, Hinky-Dinky, Wescott's Clothing, Seonichsens' Style Shop, Carr's Bakery, Woster's Shoe Store. Any other store desiring to have this assistance in the sale of stamps may get it by phoning the above number.

### Stitchers Honor Member

Mrs. Sadie Finnefrock received birthday honors at the meeting of the Stitch and Chatter club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Greely Stones. After the presentation and serving of a cake for the honored lady, members sang "Happy Birthday to You." The club's gift to Mrs. Finnefrock was a dainty boudoir lamp. The hostess, who was assisted in the serving of luncheon by her mother, Mrs. Ellington, also received a selection of gifts.

### An Appreciation

I desire to thank my friends in Plattsmouth and surrounding community for the welcome cards of Christmas greeting received from them, many of whom are former pupils.

I regret that I am no longer able to send each one of you my thanks for the many good wishes received. "Happy New Year" to all.

Olive Gass

### Funeral of Mrs. Allen

The funeral services for Mrs. Marvin Allen were held Wednesday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine street where a large number of her friends and neighbors gathered for their last tributes.

The service was conducted by Rev. T. Porter Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist church, whose message brought comfort to the sorrowing members of the family circle.

Attending the services from out of the city were Marvin Allen, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mrs. John G. Claus, Mrs. Minnie Jensen and Mrs. Elsa Lambert, the latter a cousin of Mrs. Allen, all of Council Bluffs.

The body was taken this morning to Harrisonville, Missouri, where the interment was made. The body was accompanied by the son, Marvin Allen, Jr., as Mr. Allen was unable to make the trip.

### Nebraskans In Casualty List

Washington, Dec. 31 (UP)—The Navy Department today released for publication the names of 31 Nebraskans either killed, wounded or missing in action during the period of Dec. 1-15.

Those listed as dead are: Lieut. (J. G.) Gaylord Propst, Geneva; Eric John Anderson, Pender; Marine Pvt. Leo D. Hastings, Lincoln; Jack LaFayette McBride, Kearney; James LeRoy Smith, Shelton; Francis Edward Smyth, Surprise; Henry William Vahlkamp, Wayne; Walter John Wagner, Lincoln.

Those listed as wounded: Jess Willard Christensen, Potter; Ralph Graham, Jr., Nebraska City; Ralph Albert Hillman, Deshler; Raymond Henry Hogan, Tekamah; Loyd Stanley Krause, Omaha; Merle Albert Monroe, Jr., Hastings; Ralph Ivan Murphy, Mitchell; Arthur Glyn Ray, Herman; Marine Cpl. James H. Sorensen, Omaha; James Richard Wilder, Tekamah.

Listed as missing are: Frank Jackson Conn, Lincoln; Ardean Earl DeLay, Guide Rock; Aviation pilot Robert Louis Hermsky, Omaha; Raymond Russell Johnson, Clearwater; Gerald Leonard Kesler, North Platte; Harold Arthur Mulligan, Omaha; Adolph Frank Puck, Omaha; Gordon Joe Spaulding, Fairbury; Everett Max Sturmer, Lincoln; Leo Frank Swanson, Hastings; Kenneth W. Thornton, Hampton; and Henry Thomas Tworck, Columbus.

### Lieutenant & Mother Return

Lieutenant R. Y. Buchanan returned last night to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts after spending his 11 day leave visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Seifer, Mrs. Ula Adams, Lieutenant Buchanan's mother, Marquette, Kans., was also a visitor at the Seifer home while her son was here. She left last night, thankful that she had missed a blizzard of which she had been informed in a letter from a neighbor in Marquette.

### Out-Of-Town Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs are in Elsie, Neb., for the funeral of Mrs. Jacobs' mother, Mrs. Ella Theobald. Accompanying them on the trip for the funeral was Mrs. Jacob's sister, Mrs. Jack McCarthy, Mr. McCarthy and daughter, Mary Lou. They left Wednesday immediately after receiving word of the death.

### Secure Marriage License

Wednesday afternoon at the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury marriage license was issued to Chas. Henry Ray of Tekamah and Virginia June Denton, of Oakland, Nebraska. License was also issued to Louis Leroy Herrington and Marie Katherine Dooley, both of this city.

## E. G. Ofe Leaves Post On The Cass Co. Ration Board

Hard Working Member Submits Resignation Effective January 1st—Has Done a Good Job

Edward G. Ofe, member of the Cass County Ration Board since last March is to retire from the board, his resignation having been filed to become effective as of January 1, 1943.

Mr. Ofe deserves the thanks of the people of Cass County for the untiring work that he has given to the task, one of the hardest and most disagreeable there is in the county. There are few men that will serve in this kind of capacity without pay and subject to the unwarranted criticism that so often is given by persons that do not fully understand the situation. Mr. Ofe has put in from twelve to sixteen hours a day on the work of the board, fearlessly and without favor, and certainly is entitled to a deserved rest to carry with it the appreciation of the public for the fine work that he has given the county.

There has been no successor announced as yet for the post, the appointment will be made from the office of the state ration director. The remaining members of the board are W. C. Boedeker, Murray, chairman, and Richard L. Spangler of this city.

### Returns To Duty

Midshipman John Benton Livingston and Miss Ruth Elisabeth Baker, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who have been here as holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Lillian Livingston, and other relatives, departed the first of the week for the east. Miss Baker is returning to her Indiana home and Midshipman Livingston to the Annapolis naval academy.

Midshipman Livingston is a member of the class of '44 of the academy but owing to war time conditions will be graduated this coming June instead, the course being now completed in three years. The young people have just recently announced their betrothal.

### Withholding Tax Starts

Washington, Dec. 31 (UP)—The Victory Tax—a five percent deduction from every pay check over \$12 a week, goes into effect at midnight. All individuals receiving income from wages and salaries will pay the tax. The employers will deduct 5 percent each pay day from earnings over \$12 a week, \$24.00 every two weeks, \$26.00 twice a month \$52.00 a month and \$624.00 a year.

This deduction plan introduces the principal of tax collection at the source which many Congressional leaders advocate for regular income tax which might be adopted during 1943.

### Receives Pleasant Treat

Mrs. Elizabeth Kopischka of this city has received a very pleasant treat in having the opportunity of talking with members of her family from Portland, Oregon. Their daughter, Mrs. Leon Marshall and a granddaughter, Mrs. Maxine Kolb, made the call that came as a distinct surprise and one that she enjoyed very much. It required nine hours before the ladies could get the call through and shows the very heavy telephone traffic that is prevailing in these war times.

### Leaving For Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pickens and family are leaving the city and expect to locate at Parsons, Kansas, for the present; Mr. Pickens has a large contract on a river improvement project along the Kaw river.

The Pickens home in this city has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Becker, who with their family expect to move in soon as they are closing out their farming interests. The health of Mr. Becker is such that he was compelled to give up the active farm work.

### Former Commissioner Here

Charles E. Heebner, a former county commissioner from the second district, was in the city Wednesday from his home near Nehawka, and while here was a caller at the Journal. Mr. Heebner states that he celebrated his eightieth birthday on December 21st at the farm home and with members of his family with him. Mr. Heebner was born on the farm that he still occupies altho at that time the residence was a pioneer log cabin.

The family had arranged a big turkey dinner that was enjoyed and will long be remembered for the pleasant family gathering. The father was presented with a fine gold watch as a birthday gift from the children.

Those who attended the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Westlake, all of Eagle; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Marklen and daughter, Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Granville Heebner, son and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bryant, son and daughter of Omaha.

## J. R. Reeder Quits Position Of High School Principal

Resignation Accepted Today by the Board of Education—Take Position At Fort Crook

The board of education today accepted the resignation of Russel R. Reeder who has resigned to take a position as chemist with the sewage disposal plant at Ft. Crook, a field in which he is fully prepared. Mr. Reeder feels this is an opportunity for work which he is well qualified and is leaving educational work after having been connected with the local high school for fourteen years, serving 5 years as science teacher and nine years as high school principal. He has been principal of the high school longer than any other individual during the school's existence. The Reeder family will continue to make their home in Plattsmouth.

It was with a great deal of regret that the board accepted the resignation of Mr. Reeder, as his services in the educational field here have been of the highest quality. During his administration as high school principal the school enrollment has increased from 225 to 400 practically doubling its enrollment and last year reaching its peak with a graduating class of one hundred members. This additional increase in numbers meant extra problems in school administration but Reeder has handled them very successfully. The board as well as local citizens of the community bespeak for Mr. Reeder the best of success in his new venture.

### Here From Washington

Joseph F. Kvapil, Jr., who has been employed as a Stenographer at the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., for almost a year, arrived in this city shortly after 9 a. m. today for a visit of an indefinite period. Joe's main purpose for returning to Plattsmouth was to report to the Cass County Draft board for induction Monday, January 4. The young man received a promotion of a Grade 3 in Stenography shortly before Christmas, a promotion which came as a complete surprise to him. He began as a Messenger at the Veterans Administration, was later advanced to a Junior Stenographer (Grade 2) and is now a Grade 3 Stenographer.

While here he is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Kvapil, Sr. and family, Miss Mary Jane Kvapil, a sister who has been employed and residing in Omaha, came to Plattsmouth this noon to greet the brother.

### Visiting In Colorado

John Aschenbrenner is at Colorado Springs, where he is enjoying a visit with his school friend and associate, John Slatinsky, who has been working in Colorado since early in the summer.

### Now In Medical Service

Camp Robinson, Arkansas, Dec. 31. Pvt. Raymond W. Howard, who was inducted recently and whose address is Greenwood, Nebraska, has been assigned for training to the medical replacement center here. His training will embrace eleven weeks, after which he will be assigned for duty to some medical department organization.

### Enjoying a Furlough Home

Captain and Mrs. F. R. Molak and little son, Frank, Jr., were here today for a visit with old time friends in this city where Captain Molak maintained his dental offices for several years. Dr. Molak was called into the armed service two years ago and is now stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, one of the large training camps of the south.

The Molak family have enjoyed the southern climate very much but still miss the old friends and associations of Nebraska, but are very happy in the fact that the family is able to be together. Captain Molak is expected to leave Sunday for his post in the south.

## Plattsmouth Youth Listed In War Dead List

Robert J. Clark, Officially Announced as Killed in Action by War Department

Washington, Jan. 2 (UP)—The War Department announced today the names of 497 United States soldiers killed in action—224 in Africa, 48 in Europe, 99 in the South Pacific, 31 in the Southwest Pacific and 5 at sea.

The Nebraska men: (Next of kin in parenthesis)

In Africa: Pvt. Harold J. Doeber (Mrs. Bertha Doeber, mother, Route 1, Beemer)

1st Lieut. Gordon L. Kiefman (Mrs. Nellie M. Kierman, mother, Omaha)

Pvt. Lester F. Ueberrhein (Charles Ueberrhein, father, Ashland)

Arthur A. Voecks (Mrs. Ann Adel Voecks, wife, Norfolk)

Staff Sgt. Gerald E. Yates (Mrs. Lillian J. Matejka, mother, Omaha)

In Europe: Staff Sgt. George W. Wright (Harold Floyd Wright, father, North Platte)

In South Pacific: Pvt. Harold W. Childers, Mrs. Mammie O. Childers, mother, Chambers

Sgt. Robert J. Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, mother, North Plattsmouth

Pvt. Emery F. Gess (Frank Gess, father, Dunbar)

Pfc. Gould E. Gray (R. A. Gray, father, Nebraska City)

Pfc. Robert D. Jenkins (Mrs. Carolyn Jenkins, mother, Nebraska City)

Pvt. Louis E. Kimeck (Mrs. Annie Kimeck, mother, Silver Creek)

Pvt. Tony A. Simmunaci (Mrs. Anna O. Simmunaci, mother, Omaha)

In Southwest Pacific: Pvt. Oliver V. Winscot (Mrs. Hazel Winscot, mother, Omaha)

### Here From Friend

Friends here have received word from Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Dovey, Salt Lake City. They writing that one of their sons is serving in the navy, another has been deferred to study medicine, and the third has registered for service. Dr. Dovey is connected with the veterans hospital in Salt Lake.

## Louisville Child Killed in Coasting Accident

### Hold District Court

Judge W. W. Wilson was here from Nebraska City today to hold a session of the district court and the morning was largely taken up in argument in the case of Sedlak vs Dwyer, et al., on the part of the counsel for defendant Duda. The motion was taken under advisement by the court.

A decree confirming sale in the case of the City of Plattsmouth vs Henrietta Mokenhaupt, was entered by the court.

In the case of the Nebraska Masonic Home vs William Stadelmann, et al., a suit to quiet title, order for service by publication was entered by the court.

### Son Of Former Residents Wed

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Harriet Rudolph, Atchison, Kansas, to Cadet John Charles Falter, U. S. N. R., Pensacola, Florida is of interest to many persons in Plattsmouth. According to the Falls City Journal the wedding will take place sometime this spring. Mr. Falter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Falter who made their home here before moving to Falls City. Mrs. Falter is the former Catherine Dovey, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey, a pioneer family.

## Surfacing Of Cullom Road To Start Monday

County Has Road Graded Up and Cost of Gravel to be Paid by Residents and Lyman-Richey

The four mile stretch of highway from the Louisville road north to the Cullom elevator is soon to be a realization of the desire of the residents and property owners of that section, for an all weather surfaced road.

The residents of that section some time ago raised a sum of money to be applied on the cost of the gravel to be placed on the road and the Lyman-Richey company that has a new gravel pit opened near Cullom also agreed on part of the material supply.

County Commissioner Sam Gilmore had the road graded up to cover the specifications necessary for the surfacing and the active work of spreading the gravel is due to start on Monday and will fill a long felt want in that section of the county.

The grading was the only expense that the first commissioner district was put to in the construction of the road.

### Receives Appreciation

Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kieck, county school superintendent received a letter of appreciation yesterday from the staff at the Lincoln Air base. The letter asked Mrs. Kieck to convey the sincere appreciation of hospital patients to members of the Junior Red Cross for sending candy, nut cups, and napkins which were made use of at the hospital Christmas day.

To quote a part of the letter: "The men appreciate the thoughtfulness of these young people and often say, 'We know our own children are doing this back home and it means a great deal to us to see the type of thing which they are doing.'" It was signed by Miss Nonie Hefferman, Assistant Field Director.

### Visit Over New Years

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Beaman visited here at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fox, New Year's eve and New Year's day. The visitors were from Ceresco.

Convalescent cards for your sick friends. Don't forget them.

James Walton S. Coasts Into Truck And Suffers Probable Fatal Injuries

Thursday when James Walton, 8 was coasting on one of the hills in Louisville, near the school house, he was fatally injured when he coasted into the side of an R. E. A. truck. Death occurred Friday morning.

The truck was driven by E. C. Bousinger of Syracuse, who was just getting out of Louisville when the boy and sled came down the hill onto the roadway.

The injured boy was given what temporary aid was possible and rushed at once to an Omaha hospital and while critically injured stood the trip but little hope is held for his recovery. G. M. Corum and Rev. H. L. Dickerson, pastor of the Methodist church, took the boy into Omaha and accompanied by Zeluma Dye, a trained nurse to help care for the boy on the journey. A message from the hospital told of their safe arrival with the child.

The driver of the truck was started by the accident and was not certain whether a part of the truck had passed over the boy or not.

Unfortunate phase of the case was the fact that the mother had been taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha this morning and both the father and mother were in Omaha when the accident occurred. The child had been left in the care of neighbors.

## Burlington Scrap Drive Nets 15 Trainloads

More than 73,000,000 Pounds of Scrap Represents Great Amount Raised in Territory

More than 73,000,000 pounds of scrap—the equivalent of fifteen 60-car trainloads—has been collected in Nebraska in less than three months through the efforts of the Burlington Railroad and its employees. It was disclosed today by General Manager F. R. Mullen.

The Burlington Scrap Drive in Nebraska began July 19 and will continue as long as Uncle Sam needs scrap metal to keep the war mills running full blast. During the three-week period July 19-August 2, 37,728,951 pounds were collected. From August 9 to September 26, another 15,185,182 pounds were gathered up. Then, just to prove that scrap collecting is a job that's never completed, the Burlington folks developed another 20,121,169 pounds from September 27 to October 17.

This vast mountain of scrap has come from three sources—the railroad property, the homes of Burlington employees, and the premises of persons and industries in 68 Nebraska counties served by the Burlington. More than 47,000,000 pounds was railroad scrap while nearly 26,000,000 pounds came from the premises of employees and others residing along the railroad. The latter was contributed to community scrap piles or sold to local junk dealers.

Lancaster county, where the Burlington's important Havelock shops are located, was first among Nebraska counties in the Burlington drive with 18,104,241 pounds. Other leading counties were:

Douglas	4,048,192
Scottsbluff	2,769,384
Red Willow	2,689,486
Cass	2,577,574
York	1,450,930
Box Butte	1,439,596
Valley	1,424,840
Saline	1,379,279
Johnson	1,150,720
Nucholls	985,992
Dodge	914,859
Cheyenne	879,600
Saunders	789,475
Frontier	787,267
Greely	769,640

Concurrent with the Nebraska

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