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## Commissioners Organize For Ensuing Year

**H. C. Backemeyer Is New Chairman—Appropriate Funds for Fair and Approve Budget**

The Cass county board of commissioners, at their session this week, held the "annual" meeting that is fixed by law and at which time the board has certain definite functions set out for them.

The board organized for the year by naming H. C. Backemeyer, Murdock, chairman; S. T. Gilmour, Plattsmouth, vice-chairman; G. W. Hart, Louisville, junior member.

The Cass County Farm Bureau filed their statement of expense for 1942, showing \$2,800 had been expended and asking the appropriation of \$2,800 for the ensuing year and that was voted by the board.

The Cass County Agricultural society also filed their report for the operation of the fair the coming year, \$2,500 was appropriated.

Dr. J. W. Brendel, of Avoca, county physician for the past several years, was renominated to the position.

Ben A. Olive, of Weeping Water, was named as member of the Soldiers Relief commission, where he has served for several years.

The board of commissioners also set the salary of the clerks and deputies in the various offices for the coming year. The board also set the wage scale for the road workers: road overseer, per hour, 40c; road men, per hour 20c; team per hour, 20c; for drag ten feet, round trip, per mile, 75c.

Application was received from the American Exchange Bank, Elmwood; Bank of Nehawka, Murray State bank, Home State bank, Louisville; Bank of Eagle, Manley State bank, for depositories.

## Honored at Shower

Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan was honored with a handkerchief shower given by her friends at Naves last night. The guest of honor plans soon to join her husband, Lieutenant R. Y. Buchanan, stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Guests spent the evening playing pinocle and prizes were awarded for high scores. Besides the local guests who gathered to wish Mrs. Buchanan well, a number of the guest of honor's acquaintances working with her at the bomber plant and living in Omaha were present.

Before the gathering dispersed delicious refreshments were served. Hostesses were Miss Beatrice Seybert, Mrs. Robert Rea, Mrs. Louis Lohnes, Mrs. Muerle Jones, and Mrs. Reginald Monasmith.

## Talks on Spain

The Rotarians, at their luncheon on Tuesday, had the pleasure of hearing a very interesting talk given by Miss Jessie Whelan, one of the members of the local school faculty.

The talk was on "Spain," and showed a great deal of research and care in its preparation. She discussed the location of Spain, where it's possession would be an advantage to either the Allies or the Axis powers, the attitude of the Spanish government that they would take arms if invaded and participate on the side of the non-invaders.

The meeting was under the leadership of E. H. Westcott

## Arrest Three Boys

Last evening officers Hobbs and Bridgewater, arrested three boys who were found breaking out glass in the doors of the vacant Ritz theatre. The boys were taken to the city jail to await the filing of charges by the police force. Two of the youths were from Nebraska City.

This morning in the county court the trio, Harry Richardson, of Omaha, Lester Davidson and Thomas Weston of Nebraska City, was arraigned on the charge of destruction of property. The boys made a plea of guilty to the charge and were given a fine of \$5 and costs. The three were given until 5 this evening to secure the funds or suffer the alternative of going to jail.

## Would Increase Sheriff's Pay

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 14 (UP)—Bills to increase all salaries of sheriffs in all counties from \$300 to \$600 and for all counties to pay a \$1.50 bounty on coyotes were among twelve introduced today in the Nebraska Legislature.

Senator John F. Doyle, Greeley, said "coyotes are running in packs in the sand hills region," and farmers and ranchers cannot leave their chickens out in the daytime. The coyotes also are killing stock and hogs. Doyle said the bounty must be paid on a statewide basis since an unfair financial burden is placed on paying counties where neighboring counties do not pay the bounty.

Senator C. Petrus Peterson, Lincoln, introduced the bill providing for the pay increase of sheriffs.

Second reading was given bills introduced yesterday and primary law reform measure offered by James H. Anderson referred to committee on government. Doyle is Chairman of the committee.

Another bill, introduced today by Joe Reavis of Falls City, requires County Treasurers prior to Nov. 1st of each year, to give notice to taxpayers of the amount of personal taxes due on that date for that year.

It also provides that after Dec. 1st and before July 1st, the Treasurer must notify taxpayers by mail of the amount of delinquencies and that if not paid by July 1st following distress warrants will be placed in the hands of the sheriff who shall make returns thereon within six months.

## Blotzer-McClain Wedding Held At St. John's Church

**Popular Young People Are Wedded at the Impressive Ceremony—Groom Soon to Service**

Helen Louise Blotzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blotzer, and Charles Lester McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt McClain, were united in marriage this morning at St. John's church. The single ring ceremony was performed by Monsignor George Aguis.

The bride appeared in a gown of white brocade satin with sweetheart neckline and long sleeves. She wore a finger tip veil which was held in place by a beaded tarch gold lock, a gift from the groom. During the rites the bride had with her the Rosary of her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Blotzer, Sr. She also carried a beautiful bouquet of briar cliff roses.

The bridesmaid was Miss Ruth Ann Blotzer, sister of the bride. Miss Blotzer chose for her gown pink brocade satin. She carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses.

Miss McClain was given in marriage by her father.

Serving Mr. McClain as best man was John Aschenbrenner, Edward Gradoville, cousin of the bride, acted as usher.

Immediately following the ceremony members of the junior choir of the St. John's church sang.

After the wedding a reception was held in the main dining room of the Hotel Plattsmouth where relatives and friends gathered for luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. McClain will take a short honeymoon trip to Iowa soon after which they will return here. Mr. McClain expects his call to service soon. He recently returned from California where he has been employed in defense work.

## On Job as Cook

The many friends of Ralph O. Timm, local young man who enlisted some two months ago in the navy, will be interested to learn that he is now busy at his work as a cook second class. He has just recently been sent to the west coast with a draft of the sailors from the Great Lakes and located in a hotel situated on the west coast. Ralph has been put in charge of cooking for some 130 men who are quartered at a hotel. In addition Mr. Timm has the task of preparing the menus, seeing that they are well balanced with the vitamins necessary for the sailors and also in ordering and purchasing the foodstuff.

## Funeral Of Mrs. G. R. Binger At Weeping Water

**Largely Attended by the Many Friends in the Community—Long Active in community**

Nancy Lavina Binger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Litten, was born March 19, 1885, at Delavan, Illinois. She passed away Saturday morning, January 9, 1943, at her home in Weeping Water, aged 57 years, 9 months and 20 days.

At the age of six, with her parents, she moved to Nebraska, and the family made their home seven miles northwest of Wilbur, Nebraska, where she graduated from the Wilbur High school in the class of 1903, and taught school in three rural districts near Wilbur.

August 28, 1907, she was united in marriage to Gardner R. Binger, at Wilbur. After their marriage they have lived at Wilbur, Fairbury, Steele City, and in 1918 the family moved to Weeping Water, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Binger was devoted to her home and family. She was a great lover of flowers, and things beautiful, and when well enough spent a great deal of time in the cultivation of her flowers. She was a lover of good music and sang in the Congregational church choir for several years. Her friendships were many and lasting. Her thoughts were always for others, and especially did she enjoy her three grandchildren, and the pleasure of doing things for them. She was a member of the Congregational church; a member of the Elizabeth Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, of which she was a Worthy Matron, and a charter member of the Past Worthy Matron's Club; a member of Woodland Rebekah Lodge of which she was Past Noble Grand and Past District President; a member of the Royal Neighbors of America; for many years an active member of the Weeping Water Woman's Club, and a member of the Bide-A-Wee, a social club, and was bookkeeper for the Binger Lumber and Coal Company.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Gardner R. Binger, Weeping Water, Neb., one son, Sergeant Ralph D. Binger, two daughters, Mrs. Leila I. Fernbaugh, Lima, Ohio, and Mrs. LaVerna M. Bolz, Weeping Water, Neb. Three grandchildren, John Roger Bolz, Weeping Water, Leila May Fernbaugh, Lima, Ohio, and Joyce Karen Fernbaugh, Lima, Ohio. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Litten, Weeping Water, Neb., two brothers, Wm. M. Litten, Bennett, Neb., Arthur E. Litten, Swanton, Neb., and five sisters, Mrs. Lena Strauch, LeMesa, Calif., Mrs. Elsie Pihlal, Burlington, Kan., Mrs. Esther Arthur, Puyallup, Wash., Mrs. Edna Turner, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Virginia Shieb, Nebraska City.

Short services were held at the home preceding the services at the Congregational church, at ten thirty o'clock a. m. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers from loving friends and from organizations of which she was a member.

Attending the services were members of the Eastern Star and the Royal Neighbors and the Rebekahs, in a body, Reverend John L. Kemp, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated, assisted by Reverend W. D. Lenker, pastor of the M. E. church. Miss Maude Moulten presided at the pipe organ, playing "Going Home," one of the deceased's favorite numbers, as the recessional. Victor Wallick sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and "In The Garden," accompanied by his daughter, Martha Jane Wallick.

Pallbearers were Frank J. Domingo Oscar C. Hinds, John J. Jergensen, Paul Ward, Ralph L. Keckler, and Joe John. Following the services at the church the body was taken to Wilbur for burial. Hobson's Funeral home was in charge of all arrangements.

Major Raymond J. Larson, stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, arrived in the city this noon to spend a few days looking after some business affairs and visiting his father-in-law, William Wheldon.

Major Larson has been in charge of intelligence work at the camp and has had a very interesting service since going there the past spring.

He reports that Mrs. Larson and the sons are liking their new home very much. Lars Larson, the eldest son, was a member of the high school football team the past fall and had a very fine record on the team.

## American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting Friday, January 15th at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. George Conis. All members are urged to attend.

## Asks Damage

In the office of the clerk of the district court today a suit for damages was filed by Joe Banning union merchant against W. W. Elifrits, Hopkins, Mo., truck line operator. The suit is for \$300.00 in damages and is the result of the five way car smash up at Union last Sunday morning. The truck of Mr. Elifrits, driven by Orris I. Fine, had been parked on the Main street of Union on the hillside near the Atteberry garage and later rolled down hill to hit four cars and finally crashed into the front of the hardware store of Mr. Banning and smashing up the framework of the front.

The petition of the plaintiff alleges that driver of the truck was negligent in the parking of the car and that if the brakes were set they were defective.

Walter H. Smith appears in the action for the plaintiff, Mr. A. Banning.

## Journal Ration List

CONSULT Our Weekly Ration Guide, which will be kept up-to-date. It shows the coupons currently valid, their values and gives you the news you want to know.

**RATIONING**  
SUGAR: Number 10 Coupon, War Ration Book One, will be valid for Three Pounds of Sugar until January 31, 1943.

COFFEE: Number 28 Coupon, War Ration Book One, will be valid for One Pound of Coffee until February 7, 1943.

GASOLINE: Number 3 Coupon of your A Books are valid for Four Gallons each until January 21, 1943.

TIRES: All passenger cars must have their First Tire Inspection before January 31st. Better have YOUR TIRE INSPECTION made at once. . . take your Tire Inspection Record with you.

FUEL OIL: Period 2, Class 1 Coupons are valid for Ten Gallons each until January 26, 1943; Period 2, Class 2 Coupons are valid for One Hundred Gallons each until January 26, 1943. Period 3, Class 1 Coupons are now valid for Eleven Gallons each until February 29, 1943; Period 3, Class 2 Coupons are now valid for One Hundred Ten Gallons each until February 20, 1943.

HOT TRACTOR FUEL has been defined as a Low Grade Gasoline by OPA and will be rationed for non-highway use on E and R Coupons. Watch this column for further news on Hot Tractor Fuel.

GENERAL PRICE SITUATION. Wholesale prices of cost-of-living commodities advanced only 3.3 percent from May to November, 1942, compared with 21 percent increase in fresh fruits, vegetables and other uncontrolled items.

FARM MACHINERY. Prices of used farm machinery have been brought under control.

PEANUTS Retail prices of peanuts, salted peanuts and peanut butter were frozen December 29, 1942 at the highest prices charged from December 19 to 23, 1942.

FLOUR, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EVAPORATED MILK. Now retail prices will be announced shortly due to increase prices paid producers.

## Here from Colorado

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## Chicken Packing Now Under Way At Norfolk Plant

**First Week Opens With an Estimated Handling of 80,000 Pounds and Full Capacity of 200,000**

The Norfolk Packing plant in this city is starting to operate this week in the production of canned chicken for the use of the armed forces of the United States.

The plant has been arranged with handling this line of products and it is anticipated that this week will see some 80,000 pounds of the chicken packed and ready for the delivery.

When the plant is in full production as it is anticipated in a short time there will be from 180,000 to 200,000 pounds packed each week.

The plant now has 110 persons on its rolls assisting in the preparation of the chickens for the packing process and this will no doubt be expanded as the production mounts.

The local staff have to assist them the services of the inspectors for the United States army as well as from the B. A. E.

The cans that are packed contain three chickens, all of the meat being stripped from the bones for packing.

## Install Masonic Officers

Thursday evening Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M., W. A. Robertson, past grand master and W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, journeyed to Weeping Water.

The three men carried out the installation ceremonies for Euclid lodge No. 97. Mr. Cook being the installing officer, Mr. Robertson, the ceremonial chaplain and Mr. Evers the marshal. The officers installed were:

Richard Keckler, worshipful master; Floyd Hite, senior warden; Alvin Groesser, junior warden; Chris Rasmussen, secretary; Frank J. Domingo, treasurer; Parr Young, senior deacon; Fred Allen, junior deacon; Ray Norris, chaplain; C. H. Gibson, senior steward; Eugene Day, junior steward; G. R. Binger, Tyler.

Following the installation the members of the lodge and their guests enjoyed a fine oyster supper at McC's cafe.

## Plattsmouth State Elects

The annual election of officers of the Plattsmouth State bank was held Thursday afternoon at the bank following the close of the banking day. The reports of the year were received showing a very fine year of business.

The present officers who have guided the bank so successfully in the past were all renamed to their posts as follows:

President—H. A. Schneider  
Vice-President—Carl J. Schneider  
Vice-President—E. W. Burdick  
Frank A. Clويد  
Cashier—Frank A. Clويد

The above officers, with Henry Horn, comprise the board of directors. Mr. Horn also being re-elected to the board.

## County Court Notes

In the county court today the hearing was had of the estate of Lillian M. Schoemann, deceased. Arthur G. Schoemann was named as the executor of the estate.

Hearing of the determination of heirship in the estate of August F. Wendt was held this morning and the degree of finship and descent of the property settled.

## Attend Funeral Services

A number of the old friends of the late W. H. Pitzer were at Nebraska City Thursday afternoon where they attended the funeral of the well known community leader. Those from Plattsmouth were Searle S. Davis, Attorney D. O. Dwyer, R. M. Walling, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westcott, and O. A. Davis of Murray.

## Aged Lady Dies

From Thursday's Daily—Last night at 11 o'clock, Mrs. August Richter, 82, one of the long time residents of the city, died at a Lincoln hospital where she has been under treatment for some time.

Mrs. Richter was born in Germany and spent her earlier years in her native community and where her marriage took place. In latter years the husband and wife with their family came to the United States. They settled in Plattsmouth some sixty years ago and have long made their home in the south part of the city. Since the death of the husband a number of years ago, Mrs. Richter has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Hill.

There is surviving three children, Robert Richter of Delis, Ore.; Mrs. Pauline Hill, and William Richter of this city. Two children have preceded the mother in death.

The body is at the Sattler funeral home to await the funeral arrangements.

## Elmwood School Head Named As Principal Here

**Ross G. Glover Will Take Place in the Local High School Made Vacant by Reeder Resignation**

The board of education at their meeting Friday afternoon acted on the matter of the selection of a principal to take the post formerly held by J. R. Reeder, resigned to take over other lines of work.

The position has been vacant for the past several weeks as Mr. Reeder has been located at Fort Crook in his new work as chemist.

The board selected as the new principal, Ross G. Glover, now superintendent of schools of Elmwood, where he has been very successful in his work. The local board of education feels well pleased with the opportunity of securing the services of as capable a man as Mr. Glover for the school post here.

Mr. Glover is 31 years of age and his family consists of his wife and two children. He is expecting to be here a week from the coming Monday to take over the new job at the local school.

The previous teaching posts of Mr. Glover have been at Giltner and Ulysses before going to Elmwood.

## Nehawka Lodge Installs

Nehawka lodge No. 246 of the A. F. & A. M. held their installation of officers for the ensuing year Wednesday with R. C. Cook, deputy grand custodian and W. A. Robertson and W. F. Evers as the installing staff. Mr. Cook as the installing officer, and Mr. Robertson and Mr. Evers as the chaplain and marshal.

The officers installed comprised: W. A. Ost, worshipful master; Dr. R. R. Anderson, senior warden; Leonard St. John, junior warden; Charles Adams, treasurer; R. C. Pollard, secretary; Clifford Garrison, senior deacon; George Pollard, junior deacon; Rev. W. A. Taylor, chaplain; Roy Pell, senior deacon; Ellis Lacey, junior deacon; Otto Ehlers, Tyler.

## Thursday Afternoon Club

Mrs. Carl J. Schneider was hostess yesterday afternoon to the members of the Thursday afternoon bridge club at her home on high school hill. In the playing Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., and Mrs. L. S. Puzelik were the winners of high score. Guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Jeanette Flackard and Mrs. Lester Reinert. Mrs. Schneider served delicious refreshments at an appropriate hour.

## Condition Grave

The condition of John Curtis, taken to the veterans' hospital two weeks ago, was reported as being very grave by those called to his bedside yesterday. Those making the trip to Lincoln were his sons, Lester, Frank and his wife and son, and Mrs. Gene Richardson, the alling man's daughter and her husband.

## Junior Woman's Club To Sponsor President's Ball

**Local Ladies Will Use the Funds for the Combat of Infantile Paralysis**

Plans are now being formulated for the coming Cass County Infantile Paralysis Drive, which will take place from January 15th to January 31st. W. Bruce Shurtleff, the State Chairman of the Drive, has appointed Margaret L. Iverson as County Chairman. Co-chairmen are Helen Farley and Madge Garnett.

This year a three point program has been planned, as follows:

1. The use of coin collectors. These will be located in various stores and places of business where they will be easily accessible to the general public.

2. Direct solicitation through the schools in all communities in which the school superintendents will permit it. Many counties in Nebraska are using this idea. Each child receives an envelope in which he places a penny for each year of his life to show that he is thankful that he has not had infantile paralysis.

3. Local benefits

One half of the money received from the drive is turned over to the Cass County Chapter to use in infantile paralysis emergencies in this county. The other half is sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in New York City where it is used for research, large scale epidemics, and in the past year for the promotion for the Sister Kenny Treatment.

Plattsmouth will hold its customary local benefit, known as the President's Birthday Ball, on Saturday, January 30th at the American Legion hall. For the third consecutive year this ball will be sponsored by the Plattsmouth Junior Women's club. Many people in this community will be glad to learn that the music will be furnished by Eddie Svoboda and his Red Ravens; and will appreciate the opportunity of dancing to this outstanding orchestra. Tickets for this occasion will be priced at one dollar per couple or ladies thirty-five cents. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Junior Women's club or at Maury's Drug store.

Those who are unable to attend the President's Birthday Ball are urged to buy tickets anyway, since every citizen should do his part to support the Infantile Paralysis Drive. We can't do enough to fight a disease from which those in our own county are not immune.

## Elected Exchange Chief

C. E. Metzger, formerly of Cass county and well known in this section of Nebraska, has been named as the president of the Omaha livestock Exchange at the annual meeting.

Mr. Metzger has been active in the Exchange in recent years and is one of the best known commission men in the organization. He is with the Roberts Brothers & Rose firm, one of the best known in Omaha.

Other officers include Howard Moberly, vice-president; Sol Degen, re-elected treasurer; F. A. Kelloway, re-elected secretary.

Degen, dean of Omaha stockmen, has been a member of the exchange since it was organized in 1889.

Moberly was the only new director chosen. Others, all re-elected, are Greer, Metzger, Moberly, Dewey Anderson, M. L. Deegen, Henry S. Lubzerer, William Inghram, William Stewart, Earl Grege, Tom Gill, A. D. Majors and Claude Dunning.

## George Lohnes at Hospital

George Lohnes, one of the prominent residents of the Cedar Creek community is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, and his condition has been quite serious. He has had a stroke that has affected the lower portion of the body and has been in that condition for the past two weeks. Dr. H. G. McClusky, his pastor, was at Omaha Thursday and found the patient quite hopeful that the condition might soon pass away.