

Avoca

Mrs. Robert McDonald was in Greenwood Sunday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abkuie of Syracuse, were Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCann. Mrs. Abkuie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCann.

Mrs. Edwin Terrell is in Omaha visiting at the home of her son, George A. Stites. Before going she visited shortly with friends in Union.

Louis Carsten has been reported ill the past several days. His many friends hope he will recover soon.

John Wolph was here to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolph. He is a student at Deane College in Crete.

Mrs. Donna Sulgan was here from her home in Omaha to visit with her parents on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gruber and children, Donald and Mary, were here from Lincoln to spend Easter Sunday.

Has Short Vacation

Because he is located in Alaska John Maseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman, did not come home on a recent furlough which was only of several days duration. Instead he spent seven days at a nearby hotel. He writes that it was a rather expensive furlough as hotel rates were \$25 a day.

Makes Returns

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morley were in Plattsmouth Tuesday. Mr. Morley, precinct assessor, turned assessing schedules, on a recent canvass he made, to the proper authorities in Plattsmouth.

Elmer Kinney and family were in Louisville Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Elmer Hennings and family spent Easter Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hennings.

Mrs. Marcius Nelson, Robert McDonald, Miss Anna Rughe and Roberta Huffman were visiting and shopping in Lincoln Wednesday.

Shopping in Lincoln Tuesday were Mrs. John Muller Sr., Mrs. John Mueller Jr. and Miss Meta Mueller.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Brendel were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Seybolt Sunday.

Bert Gruber has been awarded his wings in the Army Air Corps. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolph drove to Sherman, Texas, to be present at the graduation exercises.

Ray Rughe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Rughe, made a splendid showing on a recent army examination. According to word received here, the general in command sent him congratulatory word on the results.

Floyd Walker returned to camp last week after spending a furlough here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elwin of Omaha visited here Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gollney. Charlene Maseman has returned to her work in Omaha after spending Easter Sunday here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald are now located in their new home at the Presbyterian parsonage.

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Cass County Farm Bureau Notes

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Elected Home Deconstration Chairman

Mrs. B. E. Sumner, Elmwood was elected county chairman of the Cass County Home Demonstration club at a meeting of the county club at the past week. Mrs. Mary Fischer, Eagle present chairman, will continue to serve until after county fair at which time the project clubs resume their activities and new officers take over. Mrs. Sumner has been a project leader and the past two years has served as group chairman for the Elmwood center.

4-H Club Week Awards

Awards to the Nebraska 4-H Club Week, except those by the Burlington and L. L. Coryell and Son, have been paid to the winners in War Stamps, according to work received this week by Extension Agents. The Club Week program were required at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture in Lincoln, was cancelled because facilities used for Club Week programs were required by army trainees who arrived on the campus.

Winners of Club Week trips received \$12 in War Stamps, while winners of registrations received \$8 in War Stamps. The Burlington will give the equivalent of transportation to 4-H Conservation Camp, plus \$2 toward registration, to winners of its awards. Awards calling for definite amounts were paid in War Stamps. Richard Cole of Plattsmouth, is the county winner of the Burlington award and will receive the trip to Conservation Camp. Other Cass County trip winners to Conservation Camp are: Orlah Kuntz, Allen Doaden and Mrs. F. O. Sand, all of Nehawka. These 4-H'ers and leader were awarded trips for outstanding work on wild life conservation in 1942.

Eda Tyson and Dorothy Sand, Nehawka, each received \$12.50 in war stamps as canning demonstration award by Hazel-Atlas Glass Company.

Helen Grant, Nehawka, Charlotte Rieke, Weeping Water and Kathleen Balfour, Union, have been awarded \$12.00 in war stamps by the Omaha World-Herald. Knights of Ak-Sar-Beh and Omaha Chamber of Commerce, respectively.

Eight dollars in war stamps went to both Margaret Smith and Eloise Cole, Plattsmouth from the Milk and Cream Quality Committee for their placing in Dairy Food Demonstrations at the State Fair.

Early Corn For Hogs
Corn planting now on a few acres where it can be hogged down is suggested as a labor saver. Although corn planted from May 19 to 15 usually yields the best there are some years when plantings made the last of April or the first few days of May are most satisfactory.

A few acres of an early hybrid will also produce some feed which will be available for hogs and other livestock ahead of the main crop. Several Cass County farmers are now following the practice of planting corn on various dates in order to distribute their labor and avoid having their entire crop planted at a time which later proved to be unfavorable.

Sudan Pasture
Records of P-F-L co-operators the past few years show that in spite of chinch bug damage Sudan grass has been the highest yielding pasture crop. Sudan planted the first of May will make the most pasture in June and July. Sudan planted later will hold up better through August and September.

Sudan seed is not too plentiful and prices are increasing.

Scrap Drive
May 2 to 15 is the date set for Nebraska's third state-wide scrap drive. Farmers are urged to collect all available scrap, now so it can be disposed of during the drive. Governor Griswold says the job must be done. The steel mills must be kept operating at top speed to assure weapons for our fighting men.

Farm Crops Yield Day
Tuesday, June 22, is the date for the annual Farm Crops Yield Day at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, according to word received this week.

The program is being worked out now, and will be announced within the next few weeks. There will be a tour of the College's agronomy farm, where growing plots of such new crop varieties as Ranger Tiffalfa, Evergreen sweet clover and Pawnee wheat will be inspected.

Farm Crop Field Day again will be open to all who are interested.

Anthracnose In Raspberries
Brownish, slightly raised patches on the stems of raspberry bushes

means that the bushes are infested with anthracnose, says Extension Plant Pathologist Jess Livingston of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture.

The disease lives from one year to the next on old canes in the patch. Control calls for pruning out and removing all the old canes. Then, when the buds begin to open, the plants should be thoroughly sprayed with Bordeaux mixture. A second spray should be applied about 10 days later.

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MURDOCK

By Journal Field Representative

Miss Sarah McCrory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. McCrory, who is attending college at Omaha, was home for the week end with the parents.

Enjoys Fine Address

Miss Alice Kruse, daughter of Mrs. Martha Kruse, and sister of George Kruse, was the guest speaker at the missionary meeting held at the Callahan Evangelical church on last Sunday evening. The theme was that of the missions in the mountains of Kentucky. Miss Kruse was a most interesting as well as a well versed speaker on her subject, having taught school in the mountain section of Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Meyers and children of Sioux City, Iowa, were guests in Murdock Easter day, with Mrs. Panska and the A. J. Neitzel family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edgar of Wahoo were guests in Murdock at the home of Mrs. August Panska.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mills and family were in the vicinity of Eagle on Easter to visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ruge, the former a student in the Northwestern university, were in Murdock as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. August Ruge.

Neitzel Family Dinner

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Neitzel was the scene of a very happy and much enjoyed family dinner party on Easter. The guests comprised Louis Neitzel, the family of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Neitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Paap, the latter formerly Rhoda Neitzel, who is teaching at Ord.

E. E. Ganaway was at Eagle on last Sunday to visit with a cousin, G. Hiram Phillips and family, where they enjoyed a fine dinner.

Henry Heineman, has been very busy with his carpenter work in the country, repairing many buildings and building several new ones.

The Royal Neighbors are to meet at their hall on May 4th. All members are urged to be in attendance.

In order to insure a supply of cream and milk to the restaurant, Joseph Johansen, the owner purchased a cow and now the supply is assured.

Building Garage

Matt Thingan, who has been working at Bellevue in carpentering and contracting for the past year, has been in Murdock the past week. He is building a garage for Fred Kasterns on the place that Mr. Kasterns recently purchased from Henry A. Tool.

School has Picnic

The members of the sophomore and freshman classes of the Murdock school joined forces and went to the grove at the home of Edmund Gullstorf where they enjoyed a picnic party.

Visits at Lincoln

W. T. Weddell was in Lincoln last Sunday where he spent the day at the home of his son, Meredith Weddell and family. On his return home Mr. Weddell found that he was a grandfather, a son having been born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lyons and all doing well.

In connection with a review of old times Mr. Weddell states that he was a member of a school class of four boys and four girls back in Pennsylvania 63 years ago. In this period of years there remains but five descendants of the members of the class and these are all descendants of Mr. Weddell.

Frank Buell shelled and delivered corn to the Murdock elevator on Tuesday of last week while the Zoz boys delivered their corn the following day.

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Thirteen billion dollars—the sum the Treasury must raise in the Second War Loan drive, is only one sixth of the estimated cost of the war for the fiscal year of 1943.

Japanese Organize For Sub Warfare In Pacific

Reported Move May Be Started Against the Shipping from the United States

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, May 1. (UP)—Japan, her air attacks frustrated, began a submarine campaign "in some force" against allied shipping east of Australia today, evidently trying to cut supply lines to the United States.

Japan began a submarine campaign in waters east of Australia today as Japanese spokesmen continued threatening an all-out drive against the allies in the Pacific.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communiqué reported the sub drive that may be aimed at allied shipping from the United States. Details were withheld. A Tokyo communiqué claimed the sinking of two allied transports in the southwestern Pacific late last month.

Maj. Gen. Nakao Yahagi, Japanese army press section chief, broadcast that operations on a "grand scale" were impending. In a speech recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, he said the whole Pacific future would depend on the action.

Australian Premier John Curtin, warning of a long war, said in a speech at Perth that the allies had qualitative superiority over the enemy in the air and said Australia's safety was essential.

Japan suffered a reverse in the Taihang mountains of North China. The Chinese said their drive against guerillas in that area was being broken up and ambushed.

A communiqué from Gen. Douglas MacArthur revealed that the Japanese had fallen back on Adolf Hitler's favorite weapon.

(Recent axis radio reports indicated Japanese experts may have studied the Nazi U-boat tactics in the Atlantic, raising the possibility they were imitating "wolf pack" methods in the Pacific.)

"The enemy launched a submarine attack in some force in waters east of Australia," the communiqué said. Details will be given as soon as their release will not assist his operations."

A spokesman added that the subs "are paying more attention to us than they have ever done in the past."

The development followed a series of Japanese setbacks at sea and in the air after allied spokesman warned of an impending all-out offensive against Australia from the 2,500-mile island arc to the north.

Nearly 90 of 220 Japanese planes sent against allied outposts in mid-April were shot down. Earlier allied bombers had played havoc with Japanese shipping.

The phrase used by the communiqué—"Waters East of Australia"—might mean anywhere from New Guinea and the Solomons in the north, southward through the Coral Sea and to New Zealand in the south.

Through this area may lie the allied shipping lifeline toward Hawaii and the United States.

Loan Well Subscribed

Omaha, May 1. (UP)—With total sales in Nebraska's part of the Second War Bond drive tabulated at \$57,708,319 State Chairman W. Dale Clark announced today that the campaign would end officially at midnight tonight.

Clark said that he expected the total would be substantially increased when the final figures were in. All sales up to midnight will be counted, he said.

Last minute reports late yesterday indicated that Kimball county and Sheridan county had joined the rest of the state in going over their quotas. Omaha announced a grand total of \$25,102,539, more than 10 million dollars over the original quota.

The "Tickets to Tokio Club" roster was still growing today. Paul Cheney, Falls City, has asked for 50 additional tickets. C. M. Shafto, Harrisburg and Wade Stevens of McCook also asked for more Tokio tickets.

P. E. O. Hold Meeting

Chapter F. P. E. O. held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Clem Woster Friday afternoon. A large number of members were present and enjoyed the program "Women in the Bible" given by Mrs. George Farley. Refreshments were served in an atmosphere suggestive of May Day. This motif was also carried out in favors presented the members in paper baskets. Mrs. John Crabill assisted the hostess.

Castor Oil

Most of those who read this column will remember this medicine, not only because of its remarkably efficient action on the human intestines but for its unpleasant taste. Few would recognize the plant from which it is derived or know the many uses to which the oil or the plant may be put.

The castor oil plant grows best in warm climates where it may reach a height of 30 or 40 feet. The leaves are palm-like sometimes two feet in diameter and have red or green stems. The fruit is a bean. The bean pod bursts and the explosion throws the beans long distances when ripening has reached the proper stage. About half the requirements of the United States have been met by the castor beans grown in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma while the rest had to be shipped from Africa and Asia.

Formerly the oil extracted from the beans was used as medicine and to make a castor oil soap. The remnants of the beans after extraction of the oil was a fine fertilizer, because of its high content of nitrogen. Sticky fly-paper contained some of the oil and some was used in lubrication.

Now the oil from the castor bean is highly prized in the war effort. When mixed with the proper proportion of alcohol, it constitutes the best hydraulic fluid. This is widely used in the recoil absorbing cylinders of big guns and in the shock absorbers of aeroplanes. When subjected to low temperatures, it remains just as fluid as at normal temperatures. It is also used in the paint on the bottom of boats for its protective qualities.

One of the building blocks from which nylon is made is sebacic acid. This is derived from castor oil. Nylon is widely used in making parachutes. It is also being spun into slender threads which the surgeon may use in sewing up wounds.

This substance is said to be non-irritating when used as a suture. It is a solid strand so will not permit the entrance of germs as will silk or other braided substances. It is not absorbent. Altogether it bids fair to be a very satisfactory sewing material.

Finally a very poisonous substance is being extracted from the stems and leaves of the castor oil plant, and used in spraying fruit trees and other plants to protect them from insects.

Opportunities for Skilled Tradesmen in Panama

The Director of the Eighth U. S. Civil Service Region announces that the Government is in need of skilled tradesmen such as Boilermakers, Carmen, Copper-Smiths, Machinists, (Outside General), Machinists (Outside, Diesel or Gas), Pinecookers and insulators; Pinecoopers, Skippers (and shipwrights for employment at the Panama Canal Zone.

Applications for first-class ratings in most positions named above must have had two years' experience in the trade. Persons who do not meet the requirement for first-class mechanics, may be qualified as second or third class mechanics at a slightly reduced salary.

If you are doing war work of equal skill, do not apply.

Salaries range from \$1.58 to \$1.62 per hour for first-class tradesmen. Time and one-half is paid for work over 40 hours per week. The maximum age limit for these positions is 55 years.

Men qualified for any of the above positions are urged to consult the first or second class post office, the Local U. S. Employment Service Office, or to write to the Regional Director, Eighth U. S. Civil Service Region, U. S. Post Office and Customhouse, St. Paul, Minnesota, for full information.

Will Aid Axis Pals

BY UNITED PRESS
The spokesman of the Japanese embassy at Shanghai was quoted today as saying that Japan intends to take advantage of the allies' "beat Germany first" policy by launching an offensive in the Pacific in the next few months.

The spokesman, identified as Yoji Hirota, contended that the United States and Britain were incapable of sending reinforcements to Australia and India to guard against Japan's next thrust, a German transoceanic dispatch from Shanghai said. The purpose of the coming Japanese offensive, Hirota said, would be to relieve allied pressure against Germany and Italy.

Meantime, U. S. government monitors heard a Tokyo broadcast warning the Japanese people that the United States is "making all kinds of preparations" to drop bombs on Japan.

Stalin Says Allies Now Have Changed Course Of War

Russian Leader Rejects Suggestions of Separate Peace and Will Fight On

Moscow, May 1. (UP)—Premier Josef Stalin, in a May Day order of the day, today rejected suggestions that Russia would accept a separate peace and proclaimed that allied blows by land and air have changed the course of the war and "created the necessary prerequisites for victory."

He told his people that the rout of the axis from all but a corner of Tunisia, coupled with shattering raids by "valiant" Anglo-American airmen on Italo-German military and industrial centers, "foreshadow the formation of a second front in Europe."

"Thus, for the first time since the beginning of the war," he said, "a blow at the enemy from the east dealt by the red army is merged with a blow from the west dealt by the troops of our allies into one joint blow."

"All these circumstances taken together have shaken the Hitlerite war machine to its foundations. . ."

The wording of the order indicated that Stalin finally was satisfied that Britain and the United States are rapidly moving toward the opening of a second front in Europe and has accepted the Anglo-American view that the large-scale air offensive in the west was hampering the axis war effort.

His references to the weight of the Anglo-American attacks in the west made a tremendous impression on the soviet people. It was the sort of news they had been waiting for nearly 22 months and swept away their feeling of bearing the whole burden of the axis alone.

Stalin addressed the order to the red army, red navy, political workers, guerrillas, workers and peasants and signed it "Supreme Commander in Chief, Marshal of the Soviet Union."

He said the Italo-German governments were in the midst of a "grave crisis" and faced catastrophe.

"Another two or three powerful blows from the west and east are needed, such as that dealt to the Hitlerite army in the past five or six months, for the catastrophe of Hitlerite Germany to become an accomplished fact," he said.

"For this reason, the peoples of the soviet union and their red army, as well as our allies and their armies, still face a stern and hard struggle for complete victory over Hitlerite fiends."

Stalin cited the repeated references in axis propaganda to peace as evidence of the crisis in Italo-German affairs. Foreign press reports indicated, he said, that Germany would like to sign a separate peace either with the United States and Britain, or with Russia.

"Themselves treacherous to the marrow," he said, "the German imperialists have the nerve to apply their own yardstick to the allies, expecting some one of the allies to swallow the bait. . ."

Suspend Wheat Quotas

Washington, (UP)—President Roosevelt today suspended wheat import quotas to permit War Food Administrator Chester C. Davis to obtain Canadian and Australian wheat to bolster sagging American food supply.

The President's proclamation opened the way for immediate entry of about seven million bushels of Canadian wheat already purchased and also permits the release of large stocks of Canadian wheat held under bond in American warehouses. The bonded wheat had been shipped in accordance with quota restrictions.

Elected Commander

The friends here in Masonic circles will be interested in learning that Milford B. Bates, former resident here, has just been elected as the commander of Golden West commandery No. 43, Knights Templar at Los Angeles. While residing here Mr. Bates assisted in the drill work of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5 and participated in the competitive drills.

He has, with Mrs. Bates, been attending the grand commandery of California held in San Francisco and just returned home.

Mr. Bates is a nephew of Mrs. R. A. Bates of this city.

Glenwood Trips Platters 7-4

By BERNARD ULRICH
Ed Gradoville allowed but six scattered hits in the game Friday at Glenwood but seven errors by his teammates allowed Glenwood to walk off with the game. Woever, Beverage and Woster made two errors each and let a fly ball between them.

Ypers went the route for Glenwood and also gave six hits, two each by Vroman, Hobbs and Eaton.

Hobbs turned in the fielding game by grabbing a pair of difficult flies and also threw to the plate to catch a runner sliding in.

Plattsmouth plays a return game with Glenwood here on May 11th.

Returns to West Coast

Miss Rachel Robertson, who has been here visiting her parents, Attorney and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, as well as the other relatives and old friends, departed this morning for her duty at San Francisco. Miss Robertson is supervisor of the statistical department of the Port of embarkment, San Francisco, U. S. army air corps. A graduate of the college of Business Administration of the University of Nebraska. Miss Robertson has proven very successful in her work.

Shall we Save Mothers and Babies

In 1936 the death rate for new mothers was 5.13 for every 1000 babies born in the state of Nebraska. Briefly and more concretely this means that 122 new mothers died that year in Nebraska as a result of having their babies. During the same year Nebraska lost 93 babies who were born alive but died within a short time afterward.

Now, compare that with the year 1942, if you please: In this year the death rate for mothers was only about one-third what it had been six years before with a total death loss of only 43 mothers. The number of babies lost had dropped to three-fourths the 1936 level with a total of 69 deaths. In other words, 96 good Nebraska mothers and babies were saved in 1942 who would have been lost in 1936.

This remarkable drop in death rate in this important group was not abrupt but had gradually come about over the six year period. It was not an affair that just happened by chance; it was brought about by the combined efforts of the health department of the state and the physicians who care for these women and babies.

The Department of Health and the medical doctors of Nebraska were able to do this because they had the money to carry on those lines of work which are necessary if this life saving is to continue. The Nebraska Legislature allotted enough money to the Health Department to make a good start in the work and the Federal Government matched these funds with grants for Maternal and Child Health. The Health Department and the doctors have the ability and the enthusiasm to do this job but the third and equally important factor is the money to pay for it.

How much did it cost? About 2 1/2 cents per person in Nebraska. Think what might be accomplished if we had a nickel apiece from every citizen of the state. These lives of our women and children are a lot cheaper than those of good cattle and hogs: are they not? If you think we should go on saving our mothers and babies why not make your wishes known where it will do the most good.

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Army Veteran Here

Sergeant Paul Johanns, who has been serving in the West Indies with the army the past three years, is here visiting his brother, Art Johanns. The visitor has been in the army seven years. He reports next week to Camp Shelby, Miss., to be assigned to an instructors post.

BUY WAR BONDS

The goal of the Second War Loan drive is 13 billion dollars. That is just about one fifth of the estimated increase of the Public Debt for the fiscal year of 1943.