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County Leaders Named in Soil Plowing Contest

Cass county, first in Nebraska to sponsor a plow terracing contest, has announced its leaders in the statewide soil conservation contest.

The leaders are: J. C. Meisinger, Plattsmouth; Lester Wagoner, Louisville; and Frank E. Buell, Mardock.

Meisinger's 320-acre farm was the first entirely terraced in the county. His soil erosion problem was moderate to severe. He has seeded 54 acres of cropland for permanent pasture. He restocked 72 acres for woodland planting that were formerly used for pasture. Seven hundred rods of waterways were leveled and seeded to broom grass for terrace outlets.

All of Meisinger's pasture land has been completely terraced and field terraces constructed on 213 acres of cropland. Two large farmstead windbreaks have been planted and wooded areas are being planted to recommended farm forestry practices.

Over 600 rods of contour fences have been erected. All turnrows and fenceways are seeded to broom grass.

Lester Wagoner has 160 acres overlooking the Platte river. The slopes are steep and erosion was severe until he took preventive measures.

Wagoner constructed a 14-foot drop inlet soil saving dam to stop the advance of one gully. In order to provide adequate drainage facilities for terraces special outlets were built and a four-foot masonry drop outlet was installed.

There are 3 1/2 miles of terraces on the farm. A two-bottom plow and grader were used in construction. Four acres of trees were planted to stabilize a gully bank.

The entire farm is cultivated on the contour and 50 acres are seeded to permanent pasture. There are 800 feet of diversions.

Also, two overfalls were sloped, strip-sodded and seeded to permanent vegetation. Rotation of crops include use of red clover and alfalfa carried on a five-year basis.

Frank Buell started his conservation program in 1936. He has over 100 rods of broom grass buffer strips and all of his land is farmed on the contour.

His entire cropland is strip-cropped and three difficult gully overfalls have been sloped and sodded. Each contour line is marked by 20 to 40 foot strips of broom grass which act as buffers for controlling loss of topsoil.

A seven-row farmstead windbreak was planted in 1941 and is 20 feet high. Twelve waterways, totaling about 1 1/2 miles in length, have been leveled and established to grass.

All turnrows, road ditches and farmstead lots have been seeded to broom grass to eliminate weed growth, arrest soil erosion and improve the appearance of the farm.

The soil conservation contest is sponsored by the World-Herald.

S. M. Davis Starts Insurance Business

Stephen M. Davis, who recently returned to Plattsmouth after four years in the army, announced Thursday that he will become a business associate of his father, Searl S. Davis. Stephen will write fire and automobile insurance and fidelity bonds, and will have his office in the Plattsmouth State Bank building.

Stephen Davis was a captain in the 28th Infantry Division and was commanding officer of a front line infantry company. His company fought in the Ardennes break-through in December 1944 at Colmar in eastern France in January and February of 1945 and then on across the Rhine into Germany in March and April 1945.

He was overseas for 35 months. Davis wears four ETO campaign stars, and the combat infantry badge.

He and his wife are living at the Coronado apartments.

Big Bond Auction Sale November 27

The bond auction under the sponsorship of the Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday evening, November 27, at the Eagles Hall. A card party beginning at 7:30 will precede the auction and tickets will be sold by members of the club. The bond auction will start at 9 o'clock with Rex Young as the auctioneer.

Dick Logsdon has been appointed by Don Arundel, chairman of the bond drive, to handle donations to be solicited from the merchants for the last bond rally. He will be assisted by Mrs. Lucille Gaines of the Junior Women's Club.

The card party ticket committee is under the chairmanship of Miss Joan Tiekotter who has a number of helpers, Miss Doris Lutz, Miss Norma Spidell and Miss Maxine Eckles. Chairman of the bond auction committee is Miss Alice Jani Grosshans who will appoint her committee members later. Arrangements for tables and cards will be directed by Miss Alice Hatt and Miss Marriett Gooch and Miss Helen Smetana will take charge of prizes which are being donated by members of the club.

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Friendly Farmers Meet November 9

The Friendly Farmers Farm Bureau unit met at the home of Mrs. Sophia Guenther on Friday evening, November 9, with fifteen members present.

Clyde Meisinger, president of the unit, conducted the business meeting when several topics were discussed and the constitution was read by Mrs. Walter Weiss. Miss June Kiel was present and explained problems in connection with the business meeting. John Parkening was made chairman of the crop committee and William Halmes chairman of the livestock committee.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Halmes on December 11 when the topic for discussion will be "Can Farm Prices Stay Where They Are."

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess, Mrs. Sophia Guenther.

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Scouts and Cubs Set Good Record in 1945 Program

Carl J. Schneider, Plattsmouth, was re-elected chairman of the Cass county district boy scout Tuesday night at the annual district meeting in Louisville. Dwight Edwards, also of Plattsmouth, was elected as district commissioner.

Scouts and Cubs representing troops from Plattsmouth, Louisville and Weeping Water attended the meeting. Reports on scouting in the Cass county district show that the troops have made considerable progress during the last year.

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Christmas Seals On Sale Nov. 19

L. H. Behrends, county superintendent, announced Thursday that the sale of Christmas seals will begin on November 19. The sale of these seals supports the fight against tuberculosis.

Sheets of the stamps will be mailed to every family in Cass county. Those receiving the sheets are asked to pay for the stamp or return them to the superintendent's office.

Purchase of Christmas seals has made possible the X-Ray examination which is offered to the entire population of Cass county. Half of the funds received from the sale of the seals goes to the state and national tuberculosis associations. The other fifty per cent is used with the county.

The seals this year carry a picture of "Whistling Jim," a messenger boy carrying a Christmas wreath under his arm. The tuberculosis cross is in the lower right corner.

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Missionary Will Speak Here Nov. 18

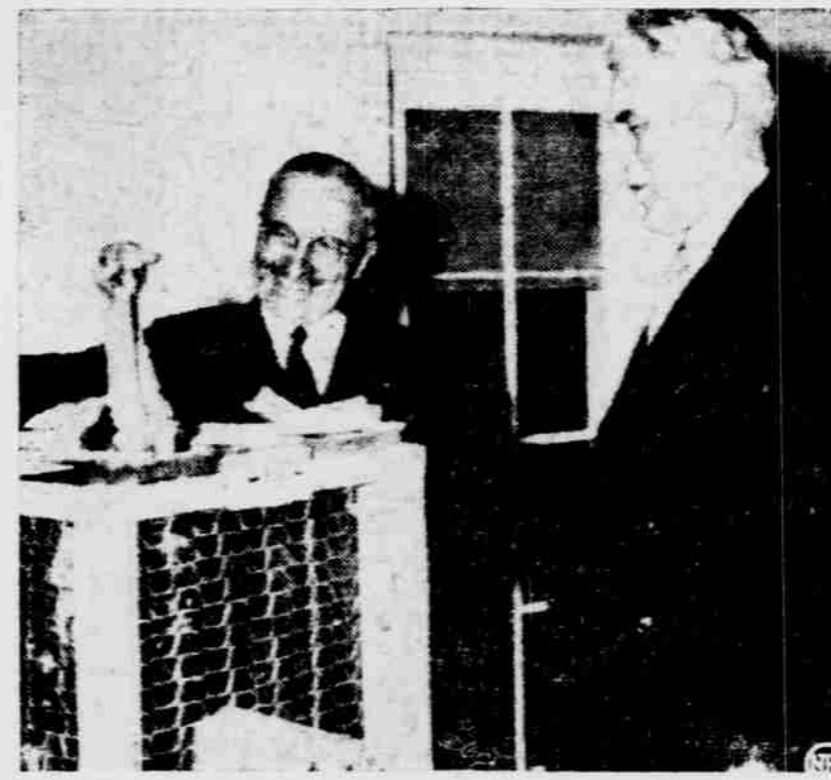
Miss Letah Doyle, an ordained missionary of the Methodist church, will be guest speaker at a meeting to be held in the First Methodist church at Plattsmouth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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TRUMAN RECEIVES TURKEY—Sen. Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota presents President Truman with a 41 pound turkey in Washington, D. C. The bird was raised on the farm of H. Williams at North Mankato, Minn. (NEA TELEPHOTO)

Boy's Vision and Prayers Stir Crowd, Many Convinced of Miracle

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