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## Cascades

I wonder if there aren't quite a few farmers and retired people traveling in the south and southwest to "escape the cold" who by now wish they were safely at home. The weather hasn't been so bad here and strange places often produce more headaches than satisfaction.

I think Mexico is most often a pain in the neck to any North American traveler. It's easy to enter. Border officers ask only the state in which you were born. Getting out is another matter.

Entering from lower California, you immediately hit a rutty detour that leads into Tijuana. The new road with a viaduct has been under construction for years but no one seems interested in its completion. It would be foolish to call thoroughfares of Tijuana streets. They are cow paths which respectable cow would shy away from.

As a pedestrian, obviously American, you are besieged by enchilada vendors, street peddlers and beggars. They know everything you say but can talk about you in front of your back with their strange rigamarole. And of course, you simply must travel down a narrow side street of stalls where you can buy souvenirs (most of them made in USA) or anything that attracts your eye.

Your nostrils protest against an unpleasantly predominate scent in the air. It comes from a mixture of food scraps tossed onto walks, unkempt natives, front yard pig pens and countless hard drink places. In amusement places you have to be on guard against flying lemon peels. The Mexican drinks cheap tequila, sandwiching it between a pinch of salt and lemon rind. He carelessly tosses the peel over his shoulder when finished. Meanwhile, you will have been beset by guitar strumming troubadours whose music is out of this world—direct from Hades.

So you are sickened of Tijuana and decide to drive 30 miles further south to Rosarita beach, supposedly a deluxe hotel plopped down all by itself along the blue Pacific. It is impressive and quiet but you feel slightly pained when the waiter presents you with a \$10 check for two meals and glowers at the measly 50 cent piece you leave for a tip.

You feel dirty and tired from the day's experiences when you climb the stairs to your \$10 a night room. Your happiness is not increased when you tug at the Venetian blinds and they fall into your face. That wasn't too bad but the beautiful glass knob to the shower room comes off in your hand. Then you step into the shower and turn one chrome handle. It falls into the tub. You try the other and the same thing happens. You run your hand down the water pipe and find it has never been connected.

You have begun to suspicion that Baja Mexico is a land of phonyism by the time you're headed back to the USA next morning. Nevertheless, the temptation to take back some souvenirs is too great so you stop along the way and buy up more than the \$18 quota of goods. Feeling all the world like a criminal, you hide some of the loot in your hatband and shirt front.

It is disappointing when the customs guard gives your car only a cursory onceover at the border and doesn't subject your person to a frisking. As you step from the car, a perfume bottle slips from your shirt and breaks on the cement. "Tsk, tsk," chides the guard. "Next time make sure your shirt is buttoned and that won't happen."

A little party in a big city is intended cryptically in answer to an anonymous reader.

## Toman, Speck Are Recovering Nicely

Severely injured in a car accident here several weeks ago, Raphael Toman and John Speck, local youths, are recovering satisfactorily.

Toman, who suffered a fractured pelvis and facial injuries, is responding nicely to treatment at Doctors hospital. Speck, who suffered a fractured leg, is at the home of his parents here and is now able to be about on crutches.

The mishap occurred when the Toman car upset after hitting a curb on Wimp's curve during a snowstorm.

## County's Cage Crown Playoff Set At Elmwood

The 1947 Cass county basketball tournament starts Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Elmwood.

Opening schedule includes Alvo-Avooca, 5:45; Murdock-Eagle, 7 p.m. Louisville vs. Nehawka, 8:15, and Elmwood-Union, 9:30.

Consolation games will open Wednesday night's program. The first of two championship games will be played at 8:15.

Seating capacity of the Elmwood community building has been increased to handle expected large crowds. A projection booth in the balcony has been torn out. Other changes are being made to increase seating capacity by about 200.

The championship trophy will be donated again this year by the Elmwood Chamber of Commerce.

## Elmwood Firemen Urge New Truck; Picnic Proposed

ELMWOOD—Volunteer firemen here tonight will hear a report on a proposed new fire truck.

It has been suggested that the firemen sponsor the annual Elmwood picnic as a firemen's benefit picnic with the proceeds to go toward the purchase of a new truck. A committee appointed by Wellington Denis, president of the firemen, has been conferring with members of the chamber of commerce.

## Firemen Save Farm Dwelling; Neighbors Help

NEHAWKA—The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoll was badly damaged by a fire which started in a store room in the upper story.

Alice Harta, who stays at the Stoll home and occupies an upstairs bedroom, was awakened by smoke fumes and gave the alarm. Mr. Stoll had just arrived home at the time.

A general alarm was given over the telephone and in a short time a large group of men and women was removing furniture from the lower floor.

Nehawka and Weeping Water fire departments got the flames under control. Insulation installed last fall played an important part in keeping the flames in one room. The fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

## C. of C. Membership Campaign Underway

Annual membership drive of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce has begun with Bob Bestor as campaign chairman. Also on the committee are Orville Neilson and Joe Knoflicek. Meeting time of the civic organization has been changed to 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursday of the month.

## County News Items In Brief

AVOCA (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. John Heebner are having a farm equipment sale this month, having sold their farm to Tony Nelson. The Heebners plan to remain on the farm another year, however.

AVOCA (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Staack are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Rose Mary Staack to Francis Fisher of Elmwood, which will take place February 4.

ELMWOOD—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scheve and daughters have returned from an interesting trip to Southern California and Mexico. Enroute home, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rikli at Drummond, Okla.

NEHAWKA—The Cass County Feeders 4-H club has elected Elmer Ross president. Bob Johnson is vice president, Bob Sand, secretary, Larry Pollard, reporter, and Margaret Knabe, song leader.

NEHAWKA—Miss Pauline Ingerson of the local young peoples' organization announces that \$113.75 was obtained in the USO drive here.

ELMWOOD—Mrs. Wendell Cook, local polo victim undergoing treatment at an Omaha hospital, is now



Happily married for 29 years, screen star George Murphy defies the Hollywood jinx against home life. Still a contented family man 12 years after he brought his wife Julie, former New York night-club dancer, to the film capital, he sees nothing but smooth marital sailing ahead. They attribute their happiness in large part to their children, 3-year-old Melissa ("Missy") and Dennis, 8, who, above, have earned George for a reading session.

## Memory Lane--

### Brrr, Blizzard Clamped Lid On Activity Here In January, 1910

Picked at random from the Journal's voluminous files, January of 1910 issues devoted considerable space to a blizzard which tied up local transportation and brought business to a standstill. Huge wind blown banks of snow kept people inside and the streets were practically deserted. Harry S. Austin, the well known singer who had just gone to work at the Burlington storehouse was among those injured. He slipped on the ice in the rail yard and suffered bad bruises. Other Burlington workers received nasty falls. . . . Ben Schleicher proposed to build a factory here and had the full support of the Journal. "The Commercial club expects to land a number of good factories here this winter and when 1910 closes Plattsmouth will be the factory city of Nebraska," Dr. Todd of Omaha was another Plattsmouthian who wants to locate a factory here. He has a patent neck yoke. . . . William Holly announced plans for an IOOF installation. . . . William Endig was advertising the Denver special as "the leading 5 cent cigar made in Plattsmouth." . . . Fred Patterson, county surveyor elect, came from his home at Rock Bluffs to attend to business matters and was an overnight guest at the Perkins hotel. . . . Joshua Andrews was among Burlington employees on the sick list. . . . Commissioner Switzer of Weeping Water transacted business here.

January of 1916 in Plattsmouth found much activity. . . . Past President Joseph Hadraba installed William Barclay as new head of the Eagles lodge. Other officers were W. H. Mason, Clifford Bur-

bridge, B. G. Wurl, James Rehal, Gus Carlson, J. M. Cunningham, P. H. Field, Roy Burdick and John P. Sattler. . . . Arthur L. Baker of Murray filed his candidacy for county treasurer. . . . The Missouri-Pacific raised its passenger rates to 3 cents a mile. The fare from Omaha, therefore, was raised from 38 to 57 cents. . . . Companies of the Plattsmouth fire department elected the following firemen: C. M. Forbes, Henry Lohola, Gus Carlson and Max Pries. . . . County commissioners estimated the cost of running Cass county for the year at \$125,740. . . . The farm home of Fred T. Range, two miles northeast of Murray, was razed by fire. The fire occurred while Mr. Range was in the city trading. . . . The masquerade ball at T. J. Sokol hall was a big success. . . . Costume prizes were awarded Mrs. Frank Janda Jr., Mr. Janda, Mrs. Brov Christ and Frank Krejci. . . . Possibility of building an LDS church on the corner east of Garfield park was discussed.

Only 15 years ago, in 1932, old grads were seeking a dissolution of Bellevue Presbyterian college. The college had been used by the government during the World War as a training school. . . . William Soucke, who escaped from the Cass county jail only to be recaptured later near Weeping Water, was sentenced to the state penitentiary. . . . Bernard Galloway received the coveted B. E. Swanson award at Peru normal. . . . Miss Josephine Janda of the high school faculty accepted a position at Dunbar. . . . Hans Seiver, court house custodian was ill with the flu.

White of Kansas City. Bill White of Louisville is a cousin. . . .

LOUISVILLE—Rev. Murphy of Plainview and Rev. Williams of Plattsmouth were visitors in Louisville recently on a tour of inspection of Camp Harding as a possible location for the Nebraska Annual Conference Pastoral school of the Methodist church. This conference will be held late next summer and is expected to be attended by 150 ministers.

WEeping WATER—The Cass County Noxious Weed Control meeting was held Monday at the auditorium when two supervisors were elected—William M. Streich of Murdock and William Ost of Nehawka.

LOUISVILLE—The \$200 quota in a drive for Boy Scout funds has been reached, according to L. F. Hendrik, chairman.

NEHAWKA—Wildon Switzer suffered a broken foot when the horse he was riding slipped and fell in a ditch. He had gone horseback to look after cattle.

LOUISVILLE—Mrs. Bruce Gilbert died at her home in Alhambra California January 6. The body was brought back to Kansas for burial. Survivors are her husband, her mother and one brother K. V. Weeping WATER—Clarence Norris has completed the task of moving 1,000 turkeys to his new turkey farm to be cared for by Earl Mink. Fifty Turkey sheds were also moved.

## Thomas Weyer Funeral Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Thomas Weyer were held Saturday at the Sattler funeral home and burial was in Oak Hill. The Rev. J. W. Tenzler was in charge.

Pallbearers were Doyle, Foster, Lloyd Estor, Roy Box, Ed Bowen, Homer Ricks and H. E. Becker. Vocal music was by Larry Thimgan, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. C. J. White.

Thomas Warren Weyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weyer, was born Aug. 14, 1879, at Severance, Kan. He married Miss Naomi Oavenport, a blacksmith by trade. Mr. Weyer moved to Plattsmouth in August of 1944. He had been in poor health the past three years.

Surviving are his widow and and Darlene and seven sons, three daughters, Agnes, Frances, Frank, Ernest, Richard, Cecil, Robert, Paul and Edward. There are also three sisters, one brother and five grandchildren.

## Weeping Water Women's Lodge Greets Officers

WEeping WATER—(Special)—Elizabeth Chapter, O. E. S., No. 250, held its annual installation of officers Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Frank J. Domingo, Grand Matron, as the installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Emma Rawalt, as conductress.

Installed were Mrs. Oren Pollard, Worthy Matron; Alvin Groesser, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Floyd Hilde, Associate Matron; Clifford Cooper, Associate Patron; Mrs. Lottie Jones, Secretary; Mrs. Sterling Amick, Treasurer; Mrs. Nutzman, Chaplain; Dorothy McFadden, Marshall; Mrs. Arthur Jones, Organist; Mrs. Leonard Klemme, Warder; Thomas Akesson, Outer Sentinel; Mrs. May Keckler, Conductress; Mrs. DeForest Philpot, Associate Conductress.

Mrs. Pollard, the incoming Worthy Matron, wore a corsage of roses, a gift from her daughter Inogene Pollard sent from Washington D. C., where she is secretary to Senator Hugh Butler. Her husband also presented her with a basket of flowers.

A collection was taken by the group for the Polio drive. A social hour followed the installation ceremonies with Mrs. E. M. Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Little and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Klemme, hostesses.

## Employees Of Two Local Firms Are Guests At Party

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knorr were hosts to the employees of Knorr's Variety store and the Ladies Toggery Thursday evening at a 6:30 dinner given at Bestor's dining room. Eighteen guests were present, special guests being Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Priest.

Table decorations followed the Valentine motif. Favours were presented each guest. There was a group singing, and Mr. Priest showed moving pictures. Contest games were played and prizes awarded the winners.

## Weed District Obtains Power Spray Machine

W. A. Ost, Nehawka, and William Streich, Murdock, have been elected by members of the Cass County noxious weed district to three year terms as directors.

At a recent meeting of the group it was revealed that a power sprayer has been obtained and will be ready for use at the start of 1947 weed control campaign.

Reports on 1946 activities of the district were made by Clyde Wenzel, Eagle, Ed Steinkamp, Weeping Water, and Howard Wiles, directors.

Noel Hanson, extension agronomist, told of the success of a new chemical in the fight against weeds.

## School Musicians Plan Cav Nineties

LOUISVILLE—The high school music department will stage a cav Nineties review at the city hall on January 23 and 24.



Seventy years after ex-Sgt. Charles A. Windolph, of Lead, S. D., won the Purple Heart, Uncle Sam got around to presenting it. Above, Col. Paul W. Mages pins on the medal, awarded for wounds the 95-year-old veteran received on July 25, 1876, at the battle of the Little Big Horn River, better known as "Custer's Last Stand."

## And Where Were The Wild Injuns?

And business at a local tavern suffered.

It was because of a cowboy, fully outfitted in western fashion except for sidearms, who sat on a perch at the end of the bar.

He looked like a Hollywood wild westerner, from spurred white and black cowboy boots, to whipcord black and white trousers, red shirt with bandanna, cowhide jacket and broad-brimmed sombrero.

Many would be customers blink their eyes and walked out. This couldn't be.

Where were the Indians?

## Funeral Rites For Pioneer Of County Are Held

Funeral services for James Jacob Christensen were held at the Elmwood Methodist church with Rev. C. H. Lind officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Helen Schneider, Mrs. Opal Clements and Mrs. Marie Clements.

Mr. Christensen was born in Hallum, Denmark, on March 3, 1854. He came to this country when he was 16 with his brother and sister.

The Christensens first settled near Ashland where another was located. James Christensen later lived near Greenwood until he had bought a farm near Elmwood in 1877.

He married Miss Susan Branscom in 1879. Preceding him in death were his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Maud Ohmstead, and a son, Andrew. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maye McBride and Mrs. Ethel Strabel.

A nephew, Walter Branscom, lived at the farm home many years.

## Local Interest Matters Before State's Solon s

Matters of local interest are now before the state unicameral according to this week's report on legislative happenings by State Senator William Metzger of Cedar Creek.

Senator Metzger's report follows: "Several bills of interest to our community, were introduced this week, one of which is a reduction of tax on intangible property. This bill will be heard before the Committee on Revenue at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 28. There have been many bills proposed relating to county assessors and will all receive similar public hearings in the near future.

Another measure would provide some new forms of taxation. There seems to be a desire to strengthen the present time there are no bills introduced which would in for a payment of 3,350 bounty on coyotes, then our present system.

There have been several measures on auditoriums and life structures on a basis of bonds introduced after 5 years. The present law states that in certain instances no retirement can be effected until the bonds have run 10 years—this does not appear to be good business."

## King Korn Klub To Elect, Make Plans For 1947 Karnival

### Choir Members Of Church For 50 Years Feted

Two women who have served with the choir more than a half century were honored by vestrymen at the annual parish meeting of St. Luke's Episcopal church.

Presented gold crosses by Edward Egenberger, they were Mrs. J. M. Roberts, for 54 years choir director and organist, and Mrs. John Schutz, 50 years a chorister.

Elected officers of the church were Walter P. Tritsch, senior warden, Edward M. Egenberger, junior warden, and C. E. Ledgway, L. A. Caldwell, Guy Long, Miss Dora Fricke and Mrs. J. A. Donelan, vestrymen.

Purchase of an electric organ for the church was discussed. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Barbara Gering.

### Pollock Local Envoy To River Plans Meeting

Chamber of Commerce, T. H. Pollock, chairman of the local Missouri river dock committee, is now attending the 28th annual convention of the Mississippi Valley association at Hotel Statler in St. Louis.

Mr. Pollock and other river development enthusiasts from Omaha and Sioux City went to St. Louis on the Mopac Eagle Saturday night. The meeting will last four days.

Delegates to the convention will hear such outstanding speakers as William Averell Harriman, secretary of commerce, the mayor of New Orleans, and Gen. Lewis A. Pick, head of the Missouri river army engineers and co-author of the Pick-Sloan plan for development of the Missouri basin.

Plattsmouth, with its excellent docking facilities, figures in a 70 million dollar river improvement program. A large firm has already applied for an ICC permit to operate on the Missouri between Kansas City and Omaha.

### Record Crowd At Jacobson's Sale

More than 1500 persons, a record crowd for the area, attended the Elmer Jacobson farm sale near Fort Crook. The sale, advertised in The Plattsmouth Journal, was conducted by Rex Young, local auctioneer. Two tractors also brought record prices and many other farm items were sold. Aerial photos were taken of the large crowd.

### Winter Takes Slap In Morning Storm

Winter took a sharp slap at Cass county early Monday after a summerlike Sunday.

Mercury was in the 50's Sunday, reaching a high of 53 at 3 p.m. The change began in the evening with a light rain.

Snow driven by a hard wind hit about 4 a.m. Monday. Mercury slumped to 24. There was an inch of snow.

Clear skies and a brilliant sun promised a leveling off at noon Monday.

### Strom's Hoopsters Nip Murdock-30-27

Nehawka edged out Murdock, 30-27, in a county league game played at Nehawka. Coach Merle T. Strom's winning club led at half-time 16-8. Murdock whittled the edge to 22-18 going into the stretch. Mathers and Hansen scored 10 points apiece for the winners.

Towle of Murdock also got 10.

### No Dairy in Town Where Five Existed

Once serviced by five dairies during the past 10 years, Louisville is now without a hometown dairy. The Stohman dairy herd was sold recently and Mr. Stohman is delivering milk bottled in Omaha.

Plans for the 1947 Cass County King Korn Karnival will be given a sendoff at the annual meeting and election of the Klub here on Monday, Jan. 27.

All members of the King Korn Klub and the general public are urged to attend the session, which will be held at Bestor's dining room at 7:30 p.m. It will mark the opening, too, of the Klub's annual drive for one dollar memberships.

Officers to be filled are now held by Walter H. Smith, president; Carl Schneider, vice president; Steve Davis, treasurer; William Puls, secretary; and John Svoboda, Fred Wehrlein and Dr. Tyson, advisory committee.

"Everyone is invited to attend this meeting," Smith declared. We want to see as many people there as possible. Membership dues will be accepted at the meeting.

"This session is important not only because of the election but because there is much work to be done in preparation for the Karnival," he explained.

Held during the harvest season each fall, the Korn Karnival is the largest annual event in Cass county. The festival attracts thousands of persons.

### Names Captains To Conduct USO Drive In Area

John Cloidt, Plattsmouth USO chairman, today announced captains for the drive which begins this week.

The captains, who will appoint their own workers in the fundraising campaign, are:

Herbert Nelson and Rudolph Iverson, for the 1d First Ward; Adolph J. Koubek, Second Ward; E. H. Wescott and W. L. Heinrich and Frank Rehal, Third ward; George Conis, Mrs. Ellsworth Taylor, Fourth Ward, and Neil Lancaster, Fifth Ward.

Main street captains include F. I. Rea and J. H. Davis, southside, and Walter Smith and Lucille Gaines, northside.

Rural district workers are James Lepert and Newton Sullivan, School Dist. 2; J. F. Wehrlein, Dist. 42; Leonard Born and Lester Meisinger, Dist. 37; Elmer Tschirren and L. G. Meisinger, Dist. 29; E. A. Koukal, Dist. 28.

Although the fighting has ceased the need for USO aid is still vital. Mr. Cloidt pointed out. The USO will serve one and one half million GI's during this year.

### March Of Dimes Dance Will Be Held On Jan. 30

Tickets are now being sold by members of the Junior Womens club for the March of Dimes ball which will be held on January 30 at Eagles hall. Music will be by Fritz Crow's orchestra of Weeping Water.

The drive for funds over the nation is especially important this year because \$4,000,000 reserve fund of the National Foundation to combat infantile paralysis is exhausted.

Importance of the foundation's work in Nebraska, which last year suffered the greatest polio epidemic in its history, was cited by Miss Joan Tiekotter, local campaign chairman.

### New Girls Four-H Clubs Are Formed

New girls 4-H clubs in home-making and sewing have been organized by Alice Wolph, Nehawka, Mrs. Floy Buell, Murdock, and Mrs. Elmer Johnson.

### THE WEATHER

NEBRASKA FORECAST—Partly cloudy with scattered light snow flurries east Monday morning becoming fair Monday afternoon, colder Monday and Monday night, Tuesday continued cold; low temperatures Monday night 5 extreme north 10 to 15 south. Strong northerly winds east Monday, diminishing early Monday night.