

Fred Rebal Has Super Market on The West Coast

The Valley News of Montrose, California, in their issue of November 13th, has a story that is of unusual interest in this city where the Rebal family have long made their home.

The story is of the opening of Rebal's great super market and trading center in the heart of the Crescenta Valley at Verdugo City, Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal of this city, are the parents of the members of the family, that are launching this fine new business, and they can look back with pleasure on the success of their children in their business ventures.

The super-market is the brain child of Fred J. Rebal, one of the sons who has spent the last years on the west coast as the manager of the modern type stores. He had the vision of seeing the future development of the mercantile business in the west.

The new plant of Rebal's represents an investment that reaches \$100,000 in building and stock, in the new center that they have prepared for the coast cities that adjoin the new place of business.

Fred has been termed the "Market Man of the Future" because of his progressive methods of merchandising. He has at last attained the objective of his ambition, a great market that is based on his vision and in which he is to have the assistance of members of his family in more fully developing.

Fred on leaving school was a member of the U. S. Marines in China for a number of years until he was discharged in 1928 and came home for a visit. He later got into the merchandising game in Omaha with the Piggly Wiggly company, pioneer of the self served stores of the nation.

In 1939 he moved to California as the manager of a store in Wilmington, later taking a turn in the managing of stores at Taft and Santa Monica. He moved to the Crescenta Valley in 1937 to manage a Safeway store and later to open the new Safeway store which he managed until in 1942 when he bought a store in Glendale and went into business for himself. In 1946, he sold out in Glendale because as he expressed it, "I want to own a super market".

In the new market he will have the assistance and support of his brothers, James, Edward, and Raymond. Frank Rebal of this city has an interest in the store but is not active in the business operation.

Another brother, George E. Rebal, has been operating a large store in Iowa City, Iowa, where he has been very successful.

However the start of Rebal's incorporated was received here at the parents home.

Mrs. Mann Named Head of Home Chapter O. E. S.

Home chapter No. 189 of the Order of the Eastern Star held their regular election of officers on Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall.

The following officers were selected for the ensuing year and will be installed at the January meeting:

Worthy Matron, Mrs. Dorothy Mann.

Associate Matron, Mrs. Erma Sullivan.

Worthy Patron, Raymond Hill.

Associate Patron, John Glaze.

Conductress, Mrs. Nellie Hamblen.

Associate Conductress, Mrs. Mary Beverage.

Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Meisinger.

Treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Wiles.

Transfer Funds By Resolution

The board of county commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday took up a number of matters that were demanding their attention.

A resolution was passed by the board to permit Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway, to care for unallocated funds in his office.

These funds were in the office at the time Mr. Ledgway took over the position, and a resolution was necessary to clear the record and place the amounts in proper funds.

The board voted that of the \$2,848.78 remaining in the office of the clerk, the sum of \$2,500 be transferred to the county general fund, \$348.78 remain in the custody of the clerk of the court to be used in settling claims that might later arise.

Liquor And Beer Dealers Hold Meeting

The liquor and beer dealers of the city met Wednesday evening at the Pine room of the Rainey coffee shop, where they had as guests, the representatives of the law enforcing department of the county and city government.

The dinner was much enjoyed and the meeting was then placed in the hands of Henry Donat, chairman of the local dealers group.

The time was spent in an informal discussion of the problems that beset the dealers, the habitual drunks, the seekers of after hour sales, minors, and the types of drinkers that cause more or less trouble at the taverns of the city.

One of the suggestions offered was that a committee be appointed to pass on the question of the desirability of placing a ban on drinkers over the city and this be transmitted to the various dealers for their action. This idea of a steering committee was finally given up for the present at least and the responsibility of regulation left in the hands of the owners and bartenders of the various places.

On the question of Sunday sales of beer at the taverns, Mayor Woster stated that the matter would have to be settled by a vote of the people, not by the action of the city council. The mayor urged that the dealers govern their places as they thought best as the responsibility was their own to see that the operation was run in the proper way.

County Attorney Walter H. Smith stated that the local officials had tried to enforce the liquor laws as leniently as possible for the common good. One of the greatest problems for the tavern keeper was the persons that insist on imbibing too heavily and insist on being served when their condition does not warrant it. The tavern operators should be able to judge of the wants of the customer and his ability to handle what he had ordered.

Another of the matters that brought in the matter of minors around the taverns was that of the places that served food, where the farmers and others might want a lunch and bring in their children also for a sandwich or lunch. It was explained that this had been handled by having the minor served food but not allowed to loiter around the places of business.

The matter of cards for suspects that might be minors was also brought up and discussed and the best means of securing identification of all suspects.

A suggestion was offered that the operators should judge the local patrons at their places and take what action they might think best to sell or refuse to sell to the patron.

No definite program was voted on by the meeting but the general sentiment was that the operators should keep closer contact with each other in their problems of the trade and also aid the law enforcing officers in any way possible.

UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE
William Carmichael is showing slight improvement after a serious illness. Mr. Carmichael is under a doctor's care at his home north of the end of Eighth street.

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Izaak Waltons Elect Officers Monday Night

The members of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League met on Monday evening at the Forty and Eight club rooms to spend some time most interestingly in discussing the plans for the next few weeks.

As had been previously announced, the chapter took up the election of the officers for the ensuing year, and the following were selected:

President, Robert M. Walling.

Vice-President, Clement Woster.

Secretary, William Nelson.

Treasurer, Clyde Rosborough.

The selection of the members of the board of directors was delayed until a later meeting.

The chapter voted to set the second Tuesday of each month as the regular meeting date in the future.

The trap shoot committee reported that they had secured a stock of shells, Blue Rocks and traps that will be ready for the sport of the members. On next Sunday it is hoped to have as many of the members as possible at the rifle range so that the traps may be placed and all ready to go.

With the close of the business session the members were treated to an oyster stew that had been arranged by Sam Ann. M. H. Williamson, and William Schmidtman.

Woman's Club Christmas Party Monday Night

The Plattsmouth Woman's club held their annual Christmas party on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Louis Hansen with a fine attendance of the members present.

The members of the social committee of the club, Mrs. K. W. Grosshans, Mrs. Alpha Maury, Mrs. Philip Hirz, Mrs. R. B. Keller, Mrs. P. F. Rihn, Mrs. Sanford Short, Mrs. Guy Wiles, Mrs. Guy Griffin.

The devotional period was under the leadership of Mrs. E. G. Ofe who gave the Christmas story from the scriptures.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. H. R. Wolaver.

The ladies had a short business session and discussed various matters that were demanding attention of the club before the opening of the coming year.

The program was most interesting and featured Mrs. Margaret Todd, of Murray, well known as a collector of bells of various types. Mrs. Todd told the story of bells, their historical background and usages down to the present day. Mrs. Todd had with her a collection of forty-eight bells, explaining the different bells, a most interesting feature for the members of the group.

The members of the club enjoyed the singing of the Christmas carols. Mrs. E. H. Wescott was the accompanist for the group.

The evening closed with the serving of refreshments by the social committee.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Naomi Daniel, who is in the Methodist hospital in Omaha this week for treatment, was released Wednesday afternoon.

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Santa Claus Writes Letter; Will Arrive Plattsmouth December 13

Santa Claus, who is to visit this city on Saturday, December 13th, has sent reassuring letters here for the children of the community that he will be on his set date to meet the youngsters of this locality.

The North Pole DEAR CHILDREN— Do you dream at night that Christmas is already here? Well, I do. I even dreamed that I had forgotten to pack the electric trains and dolls and had to come back to Santa Claus Land after them. Wouldn't that have been dreadful? Just as I was turning the reindeer back, I woke up and found it was all a dream.

So first thing this morning the elves and I packed every single



Left to Right, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smuck, best couple; Mrs. George Thun, best lady costume and Tony LaHoda, best man costume. —Photos by Chriswiser.

Memories of Omaha Slaying Is Revived

The Jake Bird murder case on the Pacific coast has revived a great deal of interest especially among the older residents here, of the brutal murder in Omaha in 1928 of Mrs. Gertrude Rosso and her sister, Miss Creta Brown.

The two slain women were members of well known families in Cass County, being daughters of the Lee Brown family.

The murders occurred at their homes in the Carter Lake area of Omaha and after months of work on the part of the Omaha police department and the state law enforcing bodies, the case was closed as an unknown mystery as it was not possible to pin the deed on any one person.

Jake Bird, a negro, was one of the suspects that was held but later was released from custody and exonerated from any part in the crime.

The tragedy is faintly recalled by Melvin Rosso of this city, who at the time was a babe of nine months when his mother and aunt was slain.

Bird was later apprehended and tried in Iowa for another slaying in that state and for which he received sentence and served fourteen years in the Iowa state penitentiary. He was released and later went to the west coast where he was arrested and is now being held.

County Fair Board Meeting

A meeting of the county fair board, and all others interested in the Cass County fair, was held Monday afternoon at Weeping Water, when Chris Elgaard was re-elected as their president for the coming year; Jack Phillips, as vice-president, Owen Welch, secretary-treasurer; with two other members of the board elected this year. They are Oscar C. Hinds and John Bender.

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to tell you that your local businessmen have written and wired requesting me to make an appearance in Plattsmouth as in years past. I will be in Kansas City next week and on Saturday, December 13th will pass through Plattsmouth in the bus that will stop at Hotel Plattsmouth at 1:30 p. m.

I hope all you boys and girls will be at the Hotel to meet my bus and of course there will be a present for each of you as usual. Christmas is such fun, isn't it? And now I must try on my brand new Santa Claus suit and get ready for my trip next week.

Love, SANTA CLAUS

John W. Mead is Dead at Union

John W. Mead, 71, member of one of the well known families of the south part of Cass County, died early Tuesday morning at the home of his son, Virgil Mead, at Union. Mr. Mead has spent the greater part of his lifetime in Missouri.

John W. Mead was a native of Fairplay, Missouri, where he was born August 10, 1876. He was married there in 1898 to Miss May Reaves, who died in 1907. He was married eleven years later to Alice Brown of Jericho Springs, Missouri, who survives together with the following children, all by his first wife: Mrs. Allie G. Estes, Lincoln; Virgil Mead, Union; James A. Mead, New York; Mrs. Sylvia Weber, Chicago; Mrs. Dora Neal, Bolivar, Missouri. There are eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. Mead had lived in Fort Scott, Kansas, moving to Bolivar, Missouri, about a year ago and to Union to see his son, Virgil, in October. He was a carpenter and machinist throughout his lifetime.

The funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p. m. with Rev. D. H. McMillan, of Nebraska City, officiating. The interment will be at Bolivar, Missouri. The pallbearers were Arthur Mead, George Mead, Roy Hall, Steve Sitzman, Bill Estes and Lester Hathaway. The Porter funeral home of Nebraska City had charge.

Local Youth is Injured in Wreck

Harry Richardson is now able to be up and around after very serious injuries sustained in an auto wreck near Fairfax, South Dakota, two weeks ago.

The car that Harry was driving skidded from the highway into a ditch and the driver was caught in the wreck and badly injured. He suffered severe scalp wounds and also had the knee cap fractured three times and two ribs broken.

He was hospitalized but is now able to be around with the aid of crutches, but still shows the effects of the accident.

Garden Club Meet Has Display of Winter Bouquets

The members of the Plattsmouth Garden club met in regular session at the library auditorium last Tuesday afternoon. Under the direction of Mrs. Louis Hansen the group made large Christmas sprays of pine sprigs and pine cones, tied with red ribbon. Two of the sprays were taken to the Masonic Home and two were presented to the library. In addition, the group made corsages of a combination of pine and bitter-sweet, tied with gay Christmas ribbon. Miss Verna Leonard, librarian, and her assistant, Mrs. Merle Rainey each received a corsage as did each of the club members. Miss Julia Svoboda supervised the making of these.

The sprays and corsages and other arrangements on display demonstrated the use of materials in their natural state, the only artificial item used being the ribbon. Mrs. E. H. Wescott arranged a hanging basket with a colorful winter bouquet using a Christmas motif. This is now on the inside door at the entrance of the library. Miss Svoboda also brought a winter bouquet arranged from plants in her garden illustrating the results of careful planning of the summer garden.

A unique arrangement was that brought by Mrs. L. W. Egenberger. This was a large basket of fir, pine and bitter-sweet highlighted by a large crystal ball in the center of the bouquet Christmas tinsel was used to decorate the base of the long handle of the basket. The club dispensed with the regular rule of supplying the library with a book on gardening and voted instead to present it with a copy of another book in great demand, a dictionary.

New Manager of Gas Company Meets Patrons

Walter T. Gleason, new manager of the Central Electric & Gas company office, was in the city Tuesday where he was engaged in meeting the patrons and residents of Plattsmouth, his new field of activity.

Mr. Gleason was accompanied by Dwight Edwards, who is leaving soon for his new post at Norfolk where he will be the district manager for the company.

Mr. Gleason has been in the service of his company since 1929 in various cities and capacities in this section of the state. Prior to his appointment to the Plattsmouth post he was located at Aurora, Nebraska, as the manager of the company.

Streets Take on Yule Look

The streets in the business section of the city are taking on a real Christmas look as the new street decorations are completed and ready for the holiday season.

The new illuminated decorations on the electroliters make one of the most attractive that has ever been used during the holiday season, presenting a beautiful sight at night when they are lighted.

The electroliter posts are arranged with the streamers of green with large wreaths tied with bows of red, that adds a colorful touch to the scene.

It will make a fine setting for the arrival of Santa Claus on Saturday, December 13th to greet the children of Cass and adjoining counties that may be here.

Vern Harter is Hurt in Accident

Vern Harter of this city, a driver for the Greyhound bus line south of Omaha, was injured on Wednesday while engaged in driving a bus to Des Moines.

Mr. Harter was going to the Iowa city to secure a new bus and on the way east from Omaha, the bus was damaged. The full particulars have not been learned of what the nature of the accident might be, but Mr. Harter is at Atlantic, Iowa, to await physical examination. He states in a message to Mrs. Harter, that he is suffering a bruised leg and shoulder, but the full extent of the injuries has not been determined. He is able to be around despite the accident.

Tony and Friend



Phyllis Bonnater, 16-year-old 4-H Club member from Keswick, Iowa, cuddles up to Tony, her 1100-pound Hereford steer, entered in the 48th annual International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. More than 12,500 animals from 32 states and Canada, many of them raised by 4-H youngsters, competed.

Gas Transport Is Overturned

A gasoline transport belonging to the Shyler Oil Co., left the highway south of Plattsmouth near the Hi Way Cafe at 10:15 Dec. 2, 1947. The driver, Marion M. Mitzner of Nebraska City was not injured according to Deputy Sheriff Rhoden who investigated the accident. The truck was loaded with oil and turned over on its side in the ditch.

Mitzner told Rhoden that he took to the ditch in order to avoid hitting a car which was in his lane which was driven by Wayne Surface of Union. Surface states that he was forced into the other lane by another truck.

Use Journal Want Ads At The Cass County Court House

In the office of the clerk of the district court on Tuesday an action was filed by Mary Agnes Wetenkamp against William W. Wetenkamp. The plaintiff states in her petition that the parties were married on January 22, 1934. There are three minor children, the issue of the marriage and the custody of the children and suitable child support is asked by the plaintiff.

In the county court Tuesday petition was filed for the probate of the estate of Ben A. Olive, deceased. The petition asks for the appointment of Mrs. Emily Olive as administratrix of the estate.

County Court was a busy place on Monday in hearing traffic cases filed by the state highway patrol. Paul M. Riddle, Lincoln, was charged with speeding at night and as the result made a guilty plea and was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs amounting to \$14 which was paid.

D. Emerson Williams of Wichita, Kansas, was charged with speeding and received a fine of \$10 and costs for the offence. Patrolman Fred Whalen was the arresting officer in both cases.

Pat Bowers was released on \$500 bond in the case of the alleged attack on James Kivett and also disturbing the peace.

County Treasurer Ruth A. Patton announced Wednesday that the new auto license plates for 1948 will not be issued until after January 1, 1948. The plates next year will be blue numerals on a background of aluminum. The plates will be issued after the first of the year by order of the state.

A complaint was filed in county court Dec. 3, 1947, by Harold Kearney of Union against Ted Clark also of Union. Kearney states that Ted Clark, a bartender, struck him on the face during the evening of Dec. 2, 1947 in Union. Ted Clark was arrested today by the sheriff's office on a Warrant and was arraigned in county court. Clark pleaded not guilty and was released on a \$100 bond. Trial will be held next week.

66 Years of Service in This Community

The Plattsmouth Journal is entering its sixty-sixth year of service in this community, a period of years that represents life since the coming of the railroad to this side of the Missouri river, the space of time when the city was growing, replacing its mud streets with paving, wooden sidewalks with brick and then concrete, installing of storm sewers that replaced the open creeks that at one time flowed from the north and south to be joined in the business section of the city.

It was in 1881 that C. W. Sherman, a young printer, from Glenwood, Iowa, arrived here and started the Journal that has since served the people of the community. Mr. Sherman and his associate, John Cutright, served many years in the operation of the paper in the days when all type was set by hand and the paper printed on an old time hand press.

This period was the era of the old time "hand sticker" at the case and many old timers are recalled in the history of these days: "Shorty" Armstrong, "Bill" Benfer, "Dick" Barr, "Tommy" Dabb, George Mann, "Chiny" Hoffman were among those who helped make the paper in the years down past the turn of the century.

Succeeding Mr. Sherman in the paper operation was Bart Kirkham and Frank E. Green, who carried on for several years, following the operation of the Journal by Harry Groves and William Reed Durney.

In the years the paper was part of the time a daily and otherwise a weekly.

In 1901 the Journal was purchased by George B. Mann and W. K. Fox who continued its operation until April 1902 when the paper was sold to R. A. and T. B. Bates, who operated the Journal for a few years and it was then that the interest of T. B. Bates was purchased by R. A. Bates who continued its publication until his death in 1934. In this period from 1904 the Journal was first a weekly, then a daily and semi-weekly from 1905. Mr. Bates was very successful in the operation of the paper and in his ownership the old hand set type for the paper was abandoned for the linotype and self feeding press printed the paper.

With the passing of Mr. Bates, the publication of the paper was taken over by his widow, Mrs. Martha Bates, who continued the publication as a daily and semi-weekly, during which time she installed wire news service. On November 1, 1945 Mrs. Bates disposed of the paper to Lester A. Walker of Fremont, who continued the daily until in 1947 when it was changed back to a semi-weekly.

The Journal was purchased in May by Ronald R. Furse, veteran newspaper man, who has operated papers at Republic, Kansas, Sutton, Nebraska and several places in California. Mr. Furse is a member of a newspaper family that for many years has operated the Alma, Nebraska Journal, one of the well known papers of the state. With his long experience in the operation of a country home paper, Mr. Furse has developed the Journal since he took over the plant into one of the best local papers in this section of the state.

Charles Meade Named Head of Masonic Lodge

Monday evening the members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, AF & AM met at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building for the annual election of officers and the following were named:

W M—Charles M. Meade, Mur-

ray.

S W—Verner A. Meisinger.

J W—C. E. Ledgway.

Treasurer—Frank A. Clويد.

Secretary—L. W. Niel.

The appointive officers will be announced later by the new worshipful master and installed into their posts at the meeting in January.

The new master of the lodge has been a very active worker in the order and is just completing his work as senior warden.

Mrs. Jack Reno was an Omaha visitor Monday.

3 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
MERRY CHRISTMAS