

## Birthday Party Held on Sunday

Sunday was the birthday anniversary of Frank and John Aschenbrenner, two of the well known and popular young men of the city, and in honor of the event they were given a very pleasant surprise party Sunday at the home on west Vine street.

They had been taken on a ride and when they returned home, opened the door to be greeted by the birthday song from a group of the young friends who had been invited in for the occasion.

The surprise had been arranged by Mrs. Elmer Yardley, mother of the boys, Shirley Speck and Leona Morehead, and proved a real surprise in every way.

The jolly party spent the time in dancing and playing cards and at a suitable hour a delicious two course luncheon was served to complete the pleasant occasion.

Charley Kostka played the music for the dancing in his usual classy manner.

In the luncheon and the serving Mrs. Yardley was assisted by Mrs. Ben Speck, Mrs. Leonard Kalasek and Mrs. Francis Kalasek.

Those attending the pleasant event were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kostka, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kalasek, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sedlak, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Speck, Hillard, Shirley and John Speck, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Speck, Miss Bea Seybert, John Slatinsky, Miss Mary Kay Daniels of Bellevue, Raphael Toman, Misses LaVon and Barbara Gansmer, Miss Ethel Morehead, Miss Leona Morehead, Mrs.

Frances Kalasek and Mr. and Mrs. Yardley as well as the guests of honor, Frank and John Aschenbrenner.

## Arthur Geschka Has Birthday

Tuesday, February 3rd, was the birthday anniversary of Arthur Geschka, one of the well known farmers of west of Myrard. In honor of the anniversary, a group of the friends gathered at the Geschka home in the evening to enjoy a wonderful birthday dinner prepared by Mrs. Geschka.

The dinner featured two birthday cakes, one baked by Mrs. Geschka and one by Mrs. Erwin Siemers of this city to add to the pleasures of the occasion.

The evening was spent at cards and enjoyed by the group comprising Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beumert and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Siemers of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Verme Younger of near Myrard, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Brokhoff, of Avoca.

## Garden Club Has Meeting Tuesday

The Plattsmouth Garden club met Tuesday afternoon at the public library, the weather conditions serving to keep many of the club members from attending.

The ladies discussed the weather and especially the cold, as to its effects on the trees and plant life between now and the spring season.

The members of the club joined in the purchase of two packages of garden seeds, each containing some eleven varieties of seed and these are justly labeled "Feed the Peace". The seeds will be given to families in Europe for use in their raising food supplies.

## Stibals Go On Shopping Trip

Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stibal of this city departed for a shopping trip to Chicago and the east where they are visiting the large wholesale and manufacturing marts.

They are to look over the lines that might be used in their variety store in this city, for the coming season, and will spend several days in selecting lines that will be offered the Plattsmouth and Cass County buying public. They will be gone until the latter part of the week.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Ronald Warthan, of this city, who underwent an appendectomy, at an Omaha hospital, has so far recovered that he was able to be brought back home Tuesday night. He is feeling fine and is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Grosshans in the south part of the city with whom he is making his home.

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## Traffic Fatal Accidents are Lower for Month

Captain C. J. Sanders, Nebraska Safety Patrol, stated Saturday that it was gratifying to announce that during the month of January highway traffic fatalities in Nebraska decreased 44 percent over the same month last year. There were 14 traffic fatalities in January this year as compared to 25 last year.

This reduction is a most welcome fact in the face of an increased number of motor vehicles in operation at this time of the year during adverse weather conditions. Gasoline imports into Nebraska for January of this year were 3 percent over that of January last year.

In conclusion, Captain Sanders stated, "this reduction in traffic fatalities shows that traffic accidents can be reduced if each individual motorist will make it his job to drive safely. The job of making Nebraska's streets and highways safe is not just one for the police and patrol, but also a job for the motorists. When motorists drive with caution and safety and show consideration for others, accidents go down."

## Celebrates Birth Anniversary

Sunday was a very pleasant occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donat, in the west part of the city, being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Donat.

The members of the family gathered at the home in the west part of the city to enjoy the delicious dinner that had been arranged by Mrs. Helen Faith in honor of the mother.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hendricks and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Donat and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donat and Mrs. Helen Faith.

## Joseph Samek is Reported Quite Ill

Joseph Samek, who is making his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Capwell, is still quite ill and his condition serious. Mr. Samek has been ill for the past six weeks, his illness starting as an attack of "shingles" later complications developing and finally pneumonia attacking him and making his condition very serious.

Mr. Capwell is reported as being about as usual and assisting in the care of the father.

## Rev. Hanson to Attend Meeting

Rev. Sherman R. Hanson will attend the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education at Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 8-14.

The Plattsmouth pastor has been asked to serve on both the Pastor's Advisory Section of the Council, and the section administering Youth Work of the Council.

## Have Call From Alaska

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York and family had a real treat in a telephone message from Mrs. Russell York, of Petersburg, Alaska. Mrs. York called from Seattle, Washington, where she was called to secure some supplies for their business in Petersburg.

The husband, Russell York, is a younger brother of Mr. York.

Herman Bornemeier, one of the well known residents of the west part of Cass county, was here Monday afternoon to look after some business matters.

Grain futures trading was conducted even in the Middle Ages.

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## BIRTHS

Sons:  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schlichtemeier, at Omaha, Tuesday, February 3, Mr. and Mrs. Schlichtemeier are residents of Nehawka.

A son to Seaman 1/c and Mrs. Donald Sharp announce the arrival of a son, Terry Lee, February 4th, 1948 at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The father is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sharp of Nebraska City and is stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii with the Coast Guard at this time. Mrs. Sharp was formerly Norma Favors of this city. Daughter:

A daughter was born Sunday, February 1st, at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha to Mr. and Mrs. John Burke of Omaha. The baby was named Kathleen Marie. This is the first granddaughter on the mother's side and the first grandchild on the father's side. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Burke of Homestead Park, Penn., and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petersen of this city. Mrs. Burke was formerly Shirley Petersen.

## MARINES OPEN OFFICE

The United States Marine Corps has opened a Recruiting Office in Plattsmouth S/Sgt. Bruce W. Ellis, USMC, announced today. The office is located in the Gas Company office and will be open on Thursday of each week for the purpose of accepting applications for enlistment and supplying information on both the regular and citizen Marines. World War II, Victory and American Defense medals will be supplied to all former Marines upon presentation of the original or photostatic copy of their discharge. S/Sgt. Ellis invites all former Marines and men interested in the Marine Corps to drop in for a chat.

## FORMER RESIDENT HERE

John Long, resident of this city for a number of years, was here Tuesday to visit with his son, J. C. Long and family, returning Wednesday to his home at Elmwood.

Mr. Long has made his home in a number of Cass County towns in the past twenty years, but is now desiring to return here to make his home, if possible to secure a house that he can purchase. His health has not been the best in the past few years.

## BRIDE THOROUGHLY KISSED AT WEDDING RITES

MANSFIELD, O. (AP)—The Rev. David W. Roller of the First Presbyterian Church believes some sort of kissing record was set at a marriage ceremony he performed.

Despite several rehearsals, the bridegroom at each of three pauses during the actual ceremony kissed the bride, thinking the service was over.

When it was ended, the minister with a smile informed the young man, "now you may kiss the bride."

He did—for the fourth time.

## New Wildlife Laboratory

Finishing touches are being put on the game commission's enlarged wildlife laboratory in the old fish holding plant near the state fair grounds. The entire interior of the building is being remodeled for the laboratory, office space, and store rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ruby, of Shenandoah, Iowa, were in the city Thursday to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business. Mr. Ruby is well known here as he has been long identified with the auto business.

Mrs. Thomas Gradoville, of Burlington, Iowa, has returned to her home Thursday after enjoying a visit with her relatives and many old friends.

One variety of onion was accorded divine honors by the ancient Egyptians, and onions are pictured on Egyptian monuments.

## Women of World Prepare for the Day of Prayer

Once again women all over the world are preparing for the World Day of Prayer. The date set is the first Friday in Lent, February 13th. Not only are they praying for Woman's World Day of Prayer, but for the youth and children, so far there has not been a program for men, but it is hoped one can be prepared. The Young People's meeting has been set for Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p. m. at the First Presbyterian church. The women's meeting will be Friday, Feb. 13th, at 2 p. m. at the First Christian church. The children's program is at 4 p. m. February 13th, at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church. The meetings are undenominational and everyone is welcome to come.

Back as far as 1800, women were meeting to unite in prayer for the people of our nation and all nations. These first prayer meetings were held by women interested in missions. In 1919 women workers for "Home Missions" and "Foreign Missions" came together and united their prayers for all nations. In 1920 women of Canada joined the women of America and together they dedicated the first Friday in Lent as a day of prayer for missions. In 1927 the day of prayer for missions became for the first time World Day of Prayer. In 1936 Christians in fifty countries joined in the services of the day. In 1938 there were reported 2,000 observances of World Day of Prayer in the United States. In 1942 the World Council of Church Women accepted the lovely and sacred responsibility of the World Day of Prayer from the Home Missions council and from the Foreign Mission conference. In 1944 as prayers increased in form and unity the offerings were \$144,000 by this time, eight Union colleges in India, China and Japan shared in our offerings and for recently baptized Christians in many lands we were helping to publish magazines and other literature for both mothers and children. In this country we were carrying comfort and service to millions of migrant workers, we were supporting religious workers for the American Indian. In 1945 there were 10,000 observances of World Day of Prayer in the United States and the offering was \$184,335.57.

In 1946 fifty-one nations reported on World Day of Prayer. In 1948 we are praying for peace and unity, our program is based on the Lord's Prayer and is very impressive and we are praying for full churches on this World Day of Prayer 1948.

SHORT WAVE LINKS FAMILY 7,000 MILES APART  
MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Maj. Shirley G. Blencoe, stationed in Korea, talked to his 21-year-old son for the first time over a 7,000 mile span by short wave radio.

But all little Jimmy could find to talk about was the jeep ride that his dad had promised in his letters.

Russell Morris, Madison, had picked up Blencoe's short wave call from Korea accidentally. The amateur radio technician then arranged for the two-way radio conversation between Maj. Blencoe and his wife and son.

Long Time in College  
SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. (AP)—Twenty-seven maintenance employees of Mount Holyoke College have completed a total of 720 years service.

Barges Right In  
EDINBURG, Tex. (AP)—A stop that Adam Cantu made at a restaurant cost him \$100. That was the fine for driving his big truck through the restaurant wall, coming to a halt beside the cash register.

## LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. Contents do not necessarily express the opinion of this newspaper.

### An Open Letter to the Tax-Payers of Cass County

Much is now being written and said about the deplorably bad conditions of our county roads. Little more need be said about the poor condition into which they have fallen. Most of us are too well aware of how impassably bad they are. However, it is time that some good constructive discussion was begun that could tell us how to improve our roads, and, in that interest, let's examine some facts.

Between 1925 and 1940, much profitable work was done on county roads. In those years, brush was cleared away, culverts were installed, bridges were built and kept in good repair, roads were graded, widened, and given gravel and rock surfaces. County road equipment was then old and out-dated; nevertheless, efficient labor, conscientiously working under able supervision, kept Cass County roads in good year-round use!

In the years since 1940, however, although the county's road budget has been higher than ever in history, and although thousands of dollars were spent for modern machinery and equipment—only 12 miles of road were graded in the entire precinct. (Much if this was personally paid for out of farmer's pockets). The possession of the very finest machinery available—until supervisors and laborers put it to use as they conscientiously work at their jobs! Our county is paying out

plenty of money for road work. Why don't we see the return? Basically, our problem is simply the employment of men who will give time for their dollars; as long as the county payroll is just a loafers paradise we'll have no roads.

We do not need to advert to the seven man Township plan, and its higher taxes, in order to insure all-weather farm-to-market roads. We can have them as soon as the county gives value received for our present taxes!

Why should Cass County, with an adequate road budget, continue to be disgraced by the poorest roads in the country? Why should our farmers be penalized in their efforts to agriculturally develop the county, simply because they haven't passable farm-to-market roads?

Let's elect a commission that will use county dollars to employ road labor rather than subsidize precinct boards. Let's elect a commission that will employ a capable trained road engineer to develop and administer a proper road maintenance program, and then give him the efficient help to put it into effect.

DEWEY C. REED

## Record of Cass County on Saving Bond Sales 46, 47

In the past two years Cass County has been a heavy supporter of the U. S. saving bond drives that have not only aided the government, but as well saved a great deal to the residents of the communities of the county.

In the years 1946 and 1947 Walter H. Smith served as the

chairman and with his force of workers brought out a most showing for the county in the time of service.

In 1946 the sales of E. F. and G bonds showed \$262,323 in 1947 the figures on this same class of bonds was \$1,465,891.

In 1948 maturities and redemptions showed \$423,704, and in 1947 this was \$453,723.

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The per capita sales in 1946 was \$7.04 and in 1947 the figures showed \$2.71.

## Cottontails Are Now in the Clear

The lowly cottontail, the object of youthful hunters on the farms and along the roads, is now immune from the danger of hunters. On Saturday the hunting of the cottontail was stopped according to the state hunting regulations.

A serious shortage of cottontails made the restricted shooting season and bag limit necessary. A possession limit of five bunnies may be kept in cold storage for a 90-day period after the closing date.

The deadline on other game species stored in lockers and refrigerators are close at hand. Pheasants had to be removed from storage by Jan. 28, ducks and geese by Feb. 22.

Nebraska laws require that game in cold storage be consumed within 90 days after the close of the shooting season on each species.

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