

## Name W. H. Puls Secretary of Assessors Meet

The Nebraska County Assessors association which has been in session at the Hotel Lincoln at Lincoln for the past several days, ended Friday.

One of the last minute battles was on the matter of the livestock assessment that was finally settled to the satisfaction of the members from the west section of the state.

In the election of the officers for the coming year the convention named W. H. Puls of Cass county as the secretary for his eleventh term, a fine tribute to his efficient and business-like administration of the office.

W. J. Sheehan of Grand Island, Hall county assessor was named as the president and George C. Novotny, of Schuyler, Colfax county assessor was selected as the vice-president.

The main address was made by P. J. Johnson, state tax commissioner at the opening session.

"Equalization" was the magic word Thursday at the 45th annual convention of the Nebraska County Assessors association at the Lincoln hotel at Lincoln Wednesday and Thursday.

Means of obtaining equitable tax valuations and a uniform assessing system were the major concerns of the some 75 assessors and their representatives at the morning meeting.

P. K. Johnson, state tax commissioner, told the group that the word "equalization" has almost become a synonym for the lowering of values. We must have equalization but it must be accomplished by increasing the value of under-assessed property rather than reducing the assessment of the individual who complains that he is assessed higher than his neighbor.

"It is easy to lower assessments, but very difficult to increase them. If the tax burden is to be distributed equally, further increases in low assessments will be necessary, especially in the various business enterprises throughout the state. Increasing the levies in order to raise governmental revenues only magnifies the inequality which exists between those who are under-assessed and those whose property is assessed at its proper value."

Johnson continued: "There has already been considerable..."

## Metzger Backs New Roads Bill in Legislature

Senator William A. Metzger of this district offered measures in the legislature Friday that would virtually repeal the present set up of the rural mail route improvement law.

The bill, LB 192, provides that the bill now earmarked for use by the counties in improving rural mail routes shall go into the county improvement road fund and be spent as directed by the county boards.

A second bill, LB 185, also by Senator Metzger, provides for the creation of a county highway board to be composed of elected representatives from each precinct and ward. This board would serve in an advisory capacity regarding expenditures of county road funds and standards of road and bridge construction.

The mail route improvement bill passed by the 1947 legislature was authorized by Senator N. F. Schroeder. It provided that one cent of the five cent gasoline tax should be allocated to the counties and used exclusively for improvement of mail routes.

## Four Mile Creek Up As Result of Rain

Residents from west of this city who were in Saturday afternoon reported that the Four Mile Creek, turbulent stream in the spring and rainy season was again demonstrating its uncertainty by reaching flood stage as the result of several days of soft weather and rain and was causing some apprehension from those who had to travel that route on their way home. A great deal of floating ice was reported in the stream that made it a menace to the roads in that locality.

Miss Bonnie Meisinger and Miss Kathleen Feldhausen spent the week end in Lincoln with relatives and friends.

## Cars Collide at 20 Miles An Hour

Friday afternoon a small auto collision occurred on the Myrdal road near the Wetenkamp school, when the car driven by L. F. Terryberry of this city and a jeep driven by Frank Bieri ran head on, one of the vehicles being driven east and the other north, and while proceeding at the rate of some twenty miles per hour ran head on. Neither driver saw the approaching vehicle until the crash and while the impact was not great, Mr. Bieri was thrown out of the jeep but not injured.

## Hillcrest Homes Now Occupied By New Owners

Hillcrest addition in the southwest part of the city is now at a stage where it is possible to realize what this section with the new and modern homes will be in a few months.

The work so far has been confined to the residences themselves, no attempts have been made of the extension of the exterior improvements such as grading, paving and sidewalks.

The owners have commenced to move into the homes and quite a little colony of residents are now located in their homes, more expecting to get into their homes in the next few weeks as the final touches on the interior of the homes are being made.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bernhardt are the pioneers of Hillcrest, as they moved a short time ago to the new house and are getting settled very comfortably in the home. Mr. Bernhardt has placed a wooden walk from Rock street to his home that will permit entrance and egress from the home without getting into the snow and mud. Walks have been placed by Cliff Girardot around his home also and they are now settled in the home and getting acquainted with the surroundings. The Don Arundel home is also ready for occupancy and in a few days they will be added to the list of residents. They James F. Beeley home is ready and is being occupied by the owners.

The homes that are ready are very attractive and strictly modern in every way with conveniences for the family life with gas heat, full electrical appliances, baths well arranged kitchens and dinettes and in many of these sewage disposal units have been installed that will make for the convenience of the housewives.

The units are two and three bedroom homes, all on one (Continued on Page Five)

## Louisville Garage Owner Is Injured

Lucy Hill, Louisville garage owner, received very severe burns on the face and hands on Friday while he was engaged in work at his garage.

The gas tank on a car that Mr. Hill was working on at the time, exploded with the result that he was badly burned.

The explosion was quite severe and caused a damage to the Stoeren Service station, adjoining the garage, was damaged by the blast.

Charles W. Hula of Sedalia, Missouri was here the week end to visit Mrs. Hula and their son, Carl, returning Sunday evening to resume his duties with the Missouri Pacific.

## Court House Briefs

In the county court on Friday final hearings in the estates of Emma Nelson and Avel Nelson was heard by Judge J. A. Capwell.

Hearing on claims was had in the estate of John Spanzer in the county court Friday morning.

In the office of the clerk of the district court Friday, an action in divorce was filed in which Marv E. Favors was the plaintiff and Clarence H. Favors the defendant. The petition states that the parties were married on June 18, 1941 at St. Joseph, Missouri. The petition asks the custody of the five minor children of the marriage, also support money for the children. The plaintiff also asks the rights to the real estate owned by the parties in Weeping Water be vested in the plaintiff and the defendant be required to complete payments on the same.

At the county court Saturday morning Owen Purdin, of Kansas City who was arrested by Sheriff Thomas Solomon, was in court to answer to the charge



**BOVINE QUADS . . .** These quadruplets, shown with their mother, May, are a rarity in the bovine world where the rate of incidence is one in 500,000. They were born on the farm of Carl Campbell, Bulger, Pa. Momma and poppa are both holsteins.



**DECORATED . . .** General Eflisio Marras, chief of the Italian army, has received the U. S. legion of merit for service performed by him in strengthening the forces of democracy and freedom.

## Benefit Games Party for Lovay Rozell on Friday

The benefit games party that is to be held on Friday evening, January 21st at the Forty and Eight club under the auspices of the American Legion, is for the purpose of raising funds for one of the ailing Boy Scouts of the community, Lovay Rozell, 16, who is at the University hospital at Omaha suffering from leukemia. All of the funds derived will be used in his behalf. To help in the cause the merchants of the city are being solicited for prizes to be offered at the party.

Lovay Rozell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rozell was born September 17, 1932 at Westfield, Iowa, and was brought to Plattsmouth by his parents in 1936. He started school here at the Central building and also attended the Columbian school and when taken sick was in the eleventh grade of the local high school. Since coming here he has been baptized in the First Christian church of this city.

At the age of twelve years he joined the Boy Scouts of America in troop No. 367, and is now a member of the Explorer troop No. 366 which has been sponsored by the American Legion. He was slated to become an Eagle scout in December, but his illness prevented his completing the work. He was taken sick on October 30, 1948 and has been in the hospital since that time.

He was able to be home for a few days during the Christmas season but was returned to the hospital for further treatment. There are eight in the family, including the ailing youth, one brother, Kenneth, is an Eagle Scout, and a younger brother, Stanley, is a cub scout of den No. 4.

For those that wish to aid the cause and cannot attend the games party donations will be received at the Journal office, the Legion club, the Forty and Eight club and the Rosenkrans barber shop.

## John R. Meisinger Dies at Home at South Bend

The death of John R. Meisinger, 59, occurred suddenly on Sunday night at the family home at South Bend and came as a great shock to the members of the family.

The deceased, a member of one of the best known families of Cass county, has been an active figure in the county for many years, being engaged in farming.

He is survived by the widow, daughters, Mrs. Viola Dwyer, Glenwood; Mrs. Hattie Barnes, Louisville; Mrs. Mable Urwin, and Mrs. Dorothy Heard, all of Louisville; sons, Floyd Meisinger, South Bend; Glen Meisinger, Louisville; Milford Meisinger, Murdock; one brother, Fred Meisinger of Murray. One son, Clayton preceded the father in death.

The body is at the Sattler funeral home at 4th street and Avenue A where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Rev. E. J. Moritz of the St. Paul's church conducting the services.

Visiting hours will be from 7 to 9 this (Monday) evening at the Sattler funeral home.

Mrs. John Alwin is convalescing at her home following her return from the Clarkson Hospital where she was taken on last Wednesday. Mrs. Alwin fell on the basement steps at her home and suffered a broken left ankle.

## Death of Mrs. W. O. Ketelsen at Omaha

The death of Mrs. William O. Ketelsen, a resident here for the greater part of her lifetime, occurred Saturday night at the family home at Omaha, following a long period of illness. Mrs. Ketelsen had been showing improvement but suffered a stroke and cerebral hemorrhage late Saturday from which she failed to rally.

Minnie Klinger, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George (Louise) Klinger, was born in Plattsmouth February 21, 1903, spending her younger years here, receiving her education in the local schools, graduating in 1922. She was a very talented musician and a prominent figure in the musical circles of the community for a great many years. She was also an active worker in the St. Paul's church of this city during her residence here.

In March 1926 she was married at Tekamah, Nebraska, to William Ketelsen, then one of the active figures in the business life of this city, and they continued to make their home here until removing to Omaha a number of years ago.

While a resident here Mrs. Ketelsen was honored by being elected for three terms as city clerk of Plattsmouth, a post that she filled most acceptably until she retired from the office to give her home and family her full attention and time.

The past year she was operated on at Omaha following the return of her son, Gerald, from overseas where he had served in the army of the United States in the Pacific area. She apparently had recovered from (Continued on Page Five)

## Death of Pioneer Resident of East Nebraska

Mrs. Mary Annie Stine, 84, lifelong resident of eastern Nebraska, died on Friday morning at her home north of Union of senility, following an illness of five days.

Mrs. Stine was a member of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state, her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Grimes, having come to Nebraska in the early sixties to settle in Otoe county and later in the Southern Cass county. She was born near Nebraska City on November 8, 1864. The parents' later moving to a farm northeast of Union where she grew to womanhood. On September 4, 1895, she was married to R. D. Stine at Union, who preceded her in death on April 2, 1940.

In her lifetime she was affiliated with the Presbyterian church at Union.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. May Dvart, Murray; and two sons, John E. Stine, Belton, Texas, and George R. Stine, Union.

The funeral services for Mrs. Stine were held on Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church at Union with Rev. E. C. Williams, the pastor in charge of the services.

## Hearing On Removal of M. P. Trains Set

The state railway commission has set the hearing date for the application of the Missouri Pacific railroad to discontinue trains No. 608 and 609, operating between Union and Lincoln.

This is the evening train from Union west to Lincoln. The application has occasioned a great deal of comment over Cass county, and particularly in the towns through which the trains operate. In Plattsmouth the proposal is of interest because of the fact that during the university period there are a great many of the local students that use the train to come to Union where they are met and returned to Plattsmouth to reach their school.

The timing off of the train would make a great hardship on the residents of the county that receive their mail through the means of the Lincoln train, and means that letters and mail will be a day later in reaching their destination.

One can understand the position of the railroad to reduce expenses but it would surely work a hardship of the people of Cass county.

## Blue Devils Add Weeping Water to Their List

Friday evening the Plattsmouth Blue Devils journeyed to Weeping Water where they played the Indians of that city and emerged victors by the score of 28 to 22.

The game was close throughout with Merle Dasher spearheading the Blue Devils scoring with 15 of the Plattsmouth points while McCormick was second with 6 points. Wallick was high for Weeping Water with 7 points while Cherry and Garrison had six points apiece.

In the opening quarter Ofe and McCormick had a field goal apiece while Dasher had two free tosses and Janeeck one to make the local total 7 at the end of the period. For Weeping Water, Wallick, Amber and Garrison each had a field goal for a total of six.

The second period witnessed Dasher still leading the scoring with two field goals and three free tosses while McCormick had two and Ofe one field goal. Cherry and Garrison for the Indians had two field goals each and Wallick a free toss to bring the half time score 20 to 15 for the locals.

After the intermission Dasher was the only scorer for Plattsmouth with a field goal and a gift shot. Wallick with shot from the floor and Amick with a gift throw brought the score to 23 to 18 for the locals.

Scoring was slow in the last quarter with Dasher having a field goal and a gift shot and Janeeck a field toss for the Blue Devils. Wallick and Cherry had a field goal each for Weeping Water.

In the curtain raiser Weeping Water reserves were the winners 25 to 20 over the Junior Blue Devils. In the scoring Vernon and Dick Kalasek and Norm Gescke were the high point men for the locals and Art Hansen and A. Hansen led the Weeping Water team with scores of 13 and 7 points for the margin of victory.

The box score of the first team was as follows:

Plattsmouth	fg	ft	pf	tp
Rohan, f	0	0	0	0
Hild, f	0	0	0	0
Dasher, f	4	7	1	15
Gescke, f	0	0	0	0
Janeeck, c	1	1	3	0
White, c	0	0	0	0
Ofe, g	2	0	1	4
Cole, g	0	0	0	0
Aylor, g	0	0	0	0
McCormick, g	3	0	0	6
Doozy, g	0	0	0	0
D Kalasek	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	8	3	28

## Weeping Water

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Amick, f	0	1	1	1
Dennis, f	0	0	0	0
Cherry, f	3	0	2	6
Wiles, f	0	0	0	0
Henger, f	0	0	0	0
Amber, c	1	1	2	2
Wallick, c	3	1	3	7
Garrison, g	3	0	1	6
Stone, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	2	8	22

## Albert Todd at St. Joseph Hospital

Albert Todd, one of the prominent young farmers of this section of Cass county, is still at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha where he was taken on Monday, January 10th. He is undergoing treatment and observation at the hospital and it is thought will be there for some time at least.

## Local Debators Get Hastings Invitation

The Plattsmouth high school debate squad has received an invitation from the Hastings College Student Association to attend the Hastings College Forensic tournament to be held on the college campus February 11 and 12. Hastings College will serve as host to the nineteen high schools that have joined the debate division of the High Schools Activities Association of Nebraska.

Participants of the tournament will be guests of the college at a banquet and dance to be held in the Student Union, Friday February 11th.

Dr. LeRoy Lasse, chairman of the department of speech at the University of Nebraska, former director of speech at Hastings, built the annual tournament at Hastings College to be the largest one in the state between 1930 and 1940.



The above photograph of the Cass county courthouse was taken shortly after the turn of the century and used in an early day history of the county published years ago. The clock in the tower will soon be ringing out the hours again, thanks to hundreds of friends who have contributed their dollars to the Clock Fund.



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## Shrader Rhoden Resigns As Deputy Sheriff

Shrader Rhoden, who for the past year and a half has served as the deputy in the office of Sheriff Thomas Solomon, Friday tendered his resignation to be effective as of February 1, 1949.

Mr. Rhoden is leaving his post in the sheriff's office to accept a position with the Plattsmouth Motors, local Ford agency, where he will receive a fine increase in salary over that which he now receives. The work in the garage and car sales line of the business is familiar to Mr. Rhoden, as he has been engaged in this line of activity for the past few years. With the pleasing personality of Mr. Rhoden and his well known ability, he should be a great success in the new line of work.

During his service in office of deputy sheriff, Mr. Rhoden has made a fine record and his handling of matters pertaining to the office has made him many friends over the county. Sheriff Solomon has not as yet made arrangements to fill the vacancy that will be occasioned by the departure of Shrader.

## Damage Suit Filed for \$3,608.04 Friday

In the office of the clerk of the district court Friday a suit for damages arising out of a truck-tractor collision was filed, in which the plaintiff asks as damages in the sum of \$3,608.04.

The plaintiff in the case is C. B. Wilson and C. D. Wilson, dba as New Market Oil Co. vs. Allen Ehlers, Bert L. Philpot dba as Philpot Feed and Seed Co. and Bert L. Philpot.

The petition sets out that on October 7, 1948 a 1947 White tractor which was the property of the plaintiffs, was being driven by David Kite, an agent of the plaintiff, going east on highway No. 34, six miles west of Union. At the same time Allen Ehlers, an agent of the defendant, was driving an International truck going west on the highway, that the driver made a left turn that it is alleged caused the accident.

The damages are asked for the damage to the tractor, loss of the use of the tractor and other expenses incident to the repair of the tractor.

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## Changes in Farm Operators Here

One of the changes in farm operators for the coming year is that of the Starkloh farm near this city, which has been farmed by Marion Sneek for the past year. Mr. Sneek has a position in Omaha that he is taking up, and will leave the farm. David M. Toman, one of the well known farmers of this section of Cass county is moving onto the farm for the coming season.

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## ERECTS NEW RESIDENCE

LeRoy Covert has just completed the erection of a new residence in the south part of the city in the vicinity of Ninth and Hermita streets, to add to the very attractive homes in that section of the city. The property has been moved into by Martin Barnes and the family settled in the new home.