

Weeping Water

Mrs. Thomas Murty

Sunday visitors at the C. C. Carlsen home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Hansen, Mrs. Charles Fosberg, and Mrs. Cecil Fosberg, of South Bend.

Sunday dinner guests at the Clarence Norris home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mosier and daughter of Hickman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hays went to Superior, Sunday to visit Jack's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Diehl, and on their return home visited with another brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shultz, at Bruning.

Lewis E. Means, education director of the Nebraska University, was in Weeping Water Tuesday morning, to meet the committee in charge, and talk over plans for location of a Athletic field for the high school. Wolcott's field, the Philpot tract, two blocks east of the high school building, and the Markland tract, in the east part of town, are under consideration. Marion Stone has been made chairman of the Weeping

Water athletic field committee, which is composed of members from the city council, the school board, the American Legion and the Community Club. Claire Beach is the secretary. The committee meets each Wednesday evening.

The celebration of national Camp Fire Week, opened with church attendance in body Sunday morning, at the Christian church for the Camp Fire members and the Blue Bird groups, when Rev. Hubbel took as her text, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." Special music was furnished by John Sterling, who sang, "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me," by Pleuger. He was accompanied by Mrs. H. A. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aronson moved Sunday, into the house recently purchased by Mrs. Aronson's father, Otto Mogensen, from Lawrence Wiseman. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers moved into the apartment vacated by the Aronsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris and Miss Thelma Pyle, of Lincoln, spent the week end at the Victor Wallick home and helped Mrs. Wallick to celebrate her birthday. Other guests were Mrs. Bonny LaRue and her daughter, Patty.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boom and family of Pacific

PREVENTION IS THE BEST FIRE INSURANCE

DESPITE growing interest in fire prevention education, not only among workers, housewives and other adults, but also children, the United States last year had the worst record of loss of life and destruction of property by fire than ever before in its history, according to the National Fire Protection association.

In the Quarterly, just published by the association at its Boston headquarters, Percy Bugbee, general manager, said preliminary estimates of the fire loss for 1948 stand at \$725,000,000—an increase of approximately three per cent over the comparable 1947 estimate. This, he added, is the highest fire loss in dollars ever recorded in this country.

268 Major Fires in '48. Never before, according to a report of a staff study printed as part of the publication, has North America suffered so many single fires above the \$250,000-mark. Not even in 1946 or 1947 were there as many separate fires involving property damage of this magnitude, according to the printed report which said there were 187 major fires in 1945, 202 in 1947 and 263 in 1948. The total estimated dollar loss from 1943's major fires is \$141,497,000, the study showed 18 per cent of the estimated aggregate fire loss in the United States and Canada (\$890,000,000).

The study also showed, the report said, that the major fires of 1948, which caused less than one-fifth of the total fire loss, represent about 40th of one per cent of the total number of fires that occurred during the year.

Such fires can be prevented, Bugbee said, "by protection of vertical and horizontal openings so that any area subject to a single fire is limited; installation of automatic detection and extinguishing equipment (such as automatic sprinklers); organization of industrial and mercantile fire brigades, and strong and well-trained municipal fire departments."

Four Major Causes. Among the major causes of fires described in the Quarterly, are these: 1. Inadequate or obsolete building codes. A recent survey by the National Bureau of Standards covering



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3,610 municipalities shows that 690 have no code whatever, 691 have codes 20 years old or older and only 574 have codes adopted within the last five years.

2. Lack of enough exits and fire escapes, especially in large department stores, sufficient to permit rapid evacuation. Panic is not likely to develop where there are convenient and safe means of escape. It is a curious anachronism that theaters are so fully regulated and that most large department stores, which jeopardize more people, have gone relatively unnoticed in the establishment of safeguards against

loss of life by fire.

3. Resentment of fire regulations and refusal to comply, which hampers efforts to protect the public against the hazards of fire by legal action.

4. Smoking in bed. Some hotels have little placards posted in each room, instructing "guests preparing to smoke in bed (1) call the office and notify the management where you wish the remains sent, (2) notify guests in adjoining rooms of your intention of endangering their lives so they may take necessary precautions to protect themselves and (3) sit down and think how foolish it is for you to take this risk."

Avoca

Mrs. Henry Maseman

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rathburn have moved to the Gordon Hengar farm northeast of town.

Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Wm. Baier and Mrs. Louis Ruge Thursday. Mrs. Alma Berner was a guest.

Mrs. Allen Paap has been ill and was in the hospital for several days. Mrs. Ellis Lacey taught for her several days last week. This week Mrs. Robert Hallstrom is assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Straub announce the birth of a son March 12th, at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Veete of Lincoln announce the birth of a son Friday, March 11th.

Avoca won at the play-offs at Brock last week and will play at Lincoln next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Kokjer and family of Lexington, brought his mother, Mrs. Julia Kokjer here Saturday evening for a several days visit.

Pvt. Chester Noerlinger has gone to Moses Lake, Wisconsin, after spending a 10-day furlough here.

John Cullen underwent surgery for a back injury at the Veterans hospital last week.

The Betts property was sold to Mr. Sutton of Louisville who will move his family here after school.

Ward Pittman, of Omaha, visited at the Marion Pittman home several days.

Carl Zaiser had a new Pontiac neon sign installed in front of the garage Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stubben-dick visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kastens Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Maseman visited at the Walter Halm home near Syracuse several days last week.

Mrs. Alma Berner of Lincoln visited here Thursday. She is having a vacation and is spending part of the time with her sister, Mrs. John Berner, who recently moved to Otoe.

Fred Durham of Weeping Water visited here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Seegal went to Peoria, Ill., last week to visit his brother, who has been ill.

Murdock

Mrs. Florence McDonald

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. O. B. Lupardus on Thursday afternoon with a very good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rikli are the proud parents of a daughter born Sunday morning, March 13th.

Mrs. Bourke Robertson was taken to Omaha to the hospital on Sunday afternoon for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rase and

family spent Sunday at Auburn, Nebraska, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kupke are the proud owners of a new Nash.

Mrs. Euna McHugh spent last week in Lincoln visiting relatives and friends and then the week end was spent at Ashland, Nebraska, at the home of her brother, Sandy Towle and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lindell and family spent Monday in Lincoln on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeson and family spent Sunday at Fremont, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kruger were Lincoln shoppers on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wright at Eagle, Nebraska.

Mr. Harry Schafer, who is employed at the Stock Implement Company is confined to his home this week, by doctors orders.

A family by the name of Clark have moved into the property recently vacated by the Noell family, who moved to Dunbar, Nebraska. Mr. Clark is employed at the Alfa Grain Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bornemeier moved back to the farm on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peters have two cars now—a Chevrolet and a Studebaker.

Fossil Dog Found

BERKELEY, Cal. (U.P.)—A graduate student in paleontology at the University of California reports finding a new species of "fossil dog" which died about 7,000,000 years ago.

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RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL
Francis Womack, who has been at the Doctor's hospital at Omaha for the past week suffering from pneumonia, has so far recovered that he was able to be brought home Saturday. The many friends will be pleased to see him back home and he hopes soon to resume his usual activities.

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