

Weeping Water

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Mrs. Eldora Lohnes and sons left for their home in Flan-dreau, South Dakota, Friday of last week with Miss Jessie Baldwin taking them to Omaha to meet their train.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Day were Lincoln motorists on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Clarence Wohlers was the grand prize winner of the Weeping Water Christmas drawings. She received a television set with finances to have it installed.

Chicken pox seems to have invaded the schools here. Several cases are reported in the lower grades.

Mr. Frank Domingo clerked the Frank Reister farm sale on Tuesday, January 3rd. Rex Young was the auctioneer.

Miss Maude Baldwin has been absent from the J & M cafe the past few days due to illness.

Mr. Bill Morris took his sister, Mrs. Mildred Hooker and Alice Faun back to Independence, Mo., after she had spent several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E.

Morris and other relatives. Mr. Hugh Hanlan left for St. Louis, Mo., Monday morning to enter the Missouri Pacific hospital, for treatment. Mr. Hanlan suffered a leg injury earlier last fall and has been unable to resume his work at the depot. We all hope that the stay there at the hospital will prove beneficial and that he will soon be back at the window selling tickets again.

Dean Cherry left for San Diego, where he resumes studies at the radio school. He had spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cherry and other relatives, who had also come home for the holidays.

Workmen are continuing their improvements and additions to the Nebraska State bank building. A crew of Byron Baker's carpenters were on duty Monday installing additional radiators and changing water pipes. Bank officials were also working that day.

Mr. Gerald Hansen left Monday morning for Chicago with Mr. Marvin Wendt and Wayne Wendt driving a car through, going by way of Fremont where they picked up Gerald's roommate, Frank Hanzel.

requiring patients to pay a portion of costs and placing a ceiling on the amount the board will pay for nursing home care.

Nebraska's 93 counties have approved budgets for the 1949-1950 fiscal year totaling \$36,934,695, according to reports in the office of State Auditor Ray Johnson.

Law requires the counties to file their budgets with the state auditor.

Hayes county showed the only illegal levy—.88 mill over the five-mill ceiling. Johnson said his responsibility ended when he reported the illegally large county tax.

Nineteen counties have bonds for courthouses, jails and hospitals, the auditor said, and five levy the one-mill tax for road construction under the Schroeder law for graveling rural mail routes. These are Dakota, Gosper, Keya Paha, Richardson and Stanton.

Fillmore county had the lowest tax—three mills. Fifty-five counties levied less than the limit.

The state gas tax yielded more than \$22½ million dollars in 1949, the records of Clay Wright, chief of the motor fuels division, revealed.

This is nearly \$3 million more than in 1948. Much of the increase is due to the one-cent addition to the tax voted by the 1949 legislature.

The December revenue of just over \$2 million was well under November, but 42 per cent more than in December of 1948.

The board of educational lands and funds had a bumper year in the amount of money collected for board transactions, a year end report by Henry Bartling, board secretary, revealed.

Bartling said the board received a total of \$163,493 in fees, oil and gas rights to school lands, bonuses and sale of school lands and from the federal government for right-of-way.

Virtually all of the money was earmarked for schools.

Game wardens in Nebraska, in their annual report, said there were "some of the greatest concentrations" of migratory waterfowl in recent years on the state's reservoirs in 1949.

The wardens cited Sutherland where they reported a "spectacular" west-to-east movement from the reservoir to the Johnson reservoir and back, and from Sutherland to Lake McConaughy.

The several hundred thousand

ducks seen at Sutherland probably made up the bulk of numbers observed at Johnson and McConaughy, the wardens said. Annual migration for the entire state, was found to be about on a par with that of other years.

Capt. C. J. Sanders, head of the state safety patrol, thinks too many Nebraskans lost their lives at railroad crossings during the year and he blames carelessness.

"Already," the chief of the patrol said, "27 lives have been snuffed out in rail crossings this year compared to 19 in 1948."

Poor visibility, a contributing factor in about ten per cent of all fatal traffic accidents last year, may prevent motorists from seeing railroad signs and signals, Sanders said.

"Give your eyes a chance to save your life," he said, "and never argue right-of-way with a train."

Cass County Extension Notes

December 31, 1949. Rest Period for Poinsettia : When the handsome real leaves of the Christmas poinsettia plant drop soon after the holidays, many a housewife said — and mistakenly — con-

cludes that the plant is dying and discards it. This may be unfortunate, any plant scientist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, because the dropping of leaves after blooming indicates that the plant is going into its normal rest period which should last until the first of May. With a little care the plant may be kept in good condition for blooming next year.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place (40 to 60 degrees F.) and water only sparingly. About the first of May the plant may be cut back to remove excess old wood and make it more shapely. Shake off the old soil and repot in a mixture of about 3 parts garden loam, 1 part well-rotted manure and 1 part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding, and provide for good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out. When maple trees are in full leaf, set the plant outdoors—in full sunshine in northern areas or in light shade in hot climates. Leave the plant outdoors until fall when nights become cool. Then bring indoors to a window where there is good light and air, a temperature of about 60 to 65 F., and no draft. Regular watering so that the soil never dries out is essential. An appli-

cation of liquid manure every week is of benefit. Keep the plant dark at night because artificial light may cause unsatisfactory flowering.

Poinsettias cannot stand frost, may drop their leaves from drafts or too much warmth. Recreation Training Days Back Again

Recreation training days have set up in Nebraska again this winter, bringing Jane Farwell from Dodgeville, Wisconsin, to conduct the meetings. This is the fifth time Miss Farwell has been brought to Nebraska and her excellent recreation training assures good attendance at every place. The meeting will start in the afternoon at 1:30 and run through the second evening. The training meeting will be held in Omaha, January 11 and 12, 4-H club building, Ak-Sar-Ben field. It is necessary to charge a registration fee of \$2.00 for the full course. This recreation training is for 4-H club leaders, Rural Youth members, church workers, and others

interested in recreation activity.

All counties should notify in advance the extension agent in the place which they expect to send delegates as to the number that will be there. PEARL L. SCHULTZ, Home Extension Agent.

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CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN—"Look forward to the New Year with optimism," Nebraska's chief executive told its citizens in a year end message.

"We have a great many things to be thankful for," Gov. Val Peterson said, "and we should be optimistic about next year for several reasons. We have the lowest farm debt since before World War I, bank deposits are higher, farms and business places have made improvements and the state's health program is the soundest it has ever been."

"We are doing a much better job of conserving and developing our natural resources," he added. "Nearly everything points to reasons why we should be optimistic."

The governor said he considered road improvements as one of the state's major accomplishments during 1949. He said the state has improved service for its wards and has carried on an extensive program at state institutions, normal schools and the University of Nebraska.

"Despite all this, Nebraska in 1949 had the smallest per capita state tax in the nation," the governor said.

He pointed to the Missouri river basin development in Nebraska this year and the extension of soil conservation practices and rural electrification as other 1949 highlights.

Peering into the future, the governor said he hoped to see improvements in the public school system, and the state's method of assessing property.

The board of control will meet Jan. 18 with its state advisory committee to discuss ways and means of trimming assistance expenses. Chairman Forrest Johnson announced.

Steady increases in 1949 in the cost of drugs, hospitalization and surgical work may deplete the board's budget before the 1949-51 biennium ends, the chairman said.

Among suggestions for whacking the mounting expenses are

I REMEMBER...

By THE OLD-TIMERS

From Mrs. A. F. Wood of S. Woodstock, Va.: "I remember when women's bathing suits consisted of a pair of bloomers reaching from the waist to below the knee and held by a rubber cord at top and bottom, with a short-sleeved garment reaching from neck to kneecap and controlled at the waist by a belt."

From Mrs. Mary Stewart of Chicago: "I remember when wives or daughters trimmed father's hair and mustache, or grandpa's



beard—and every family had a pair of hair clippers. Working men in those days rarely ever patronized a 'tonsorial parlor.'"

From Myrtle M. Detrick of Springfield, O.: "I remember the great thrill we enjoyed when we made a trip aboard a street car drawn by horses. We would ride to the end of the line, then the horses would pull the car onto a turntable and soon we'd be traveling back over the same route. There were just a few tracks in the city (Knoxville, Tenn., that is) and none of great length."

From "Oldtimer Indeed" of Glover Gap, W. Va.: "I remember when kids had candy once a month. . . We got sugar only when we had company. . . when children got out and gathered mulberries. . . the old folks made our shoes out of boot tops. . . we had wheat bread once a week only—it was light bread or biscuits on Sunday."

(How about your memories of days gone by, old-timers? Address yours to this column in care of Mr. Friendly, Box 340, Frankfort, Ky.)

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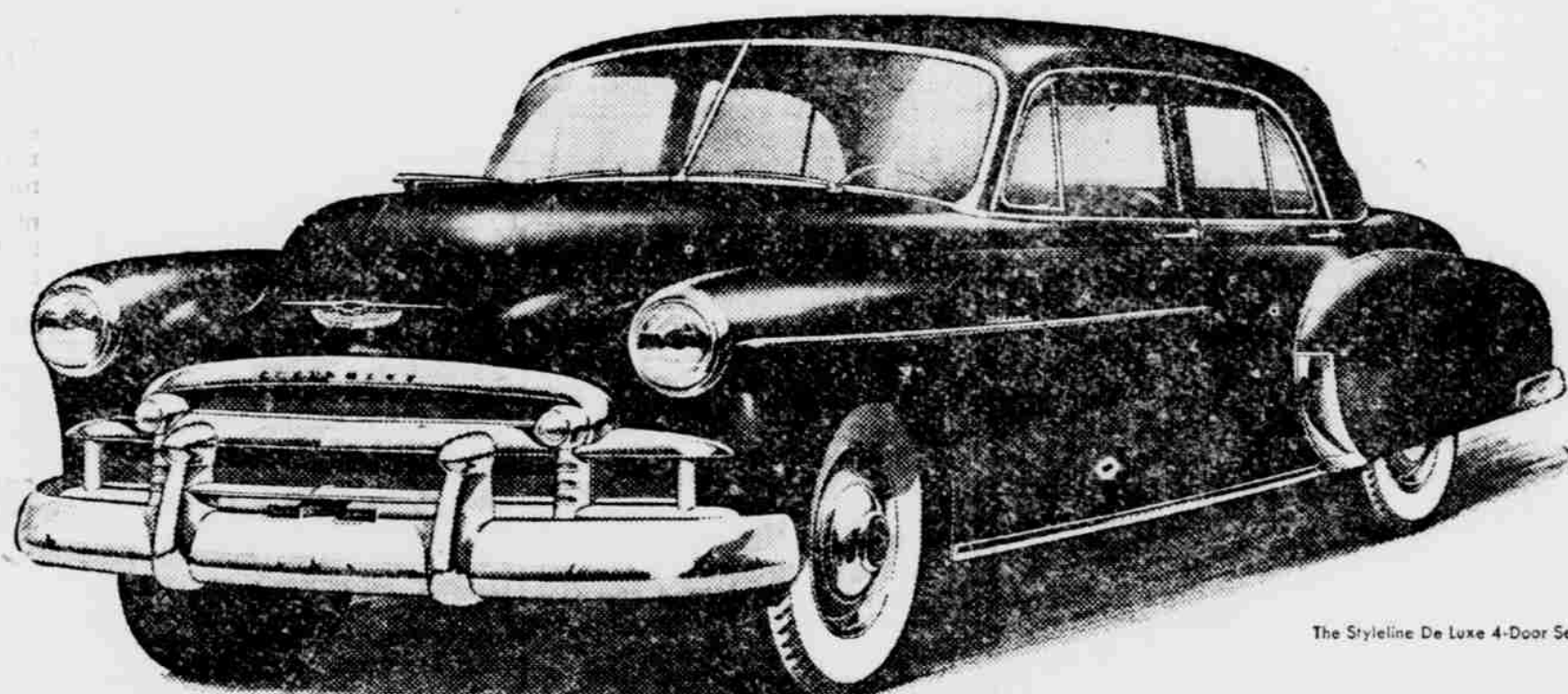
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