

## Corn Growers State Bank Formal Opening

Saturday, February 25th was a notable day for the residents of the west portion of Cass county marking as it did, the formal opening of the Corn Growers State Bank at Murdock. This bank that has been the process of organization, is now complete and in operation, supplying the needs of the residents of that locality. Its officers and directors comprise the solid and substantial residents of the Murdock community, men that have made great success for themselves on the farms that extend for miles in that portion of the county their fine business judgment that won them success attest the fact that the bank is in the best of hands.

The officers of the new bank comprise: William Stock, president; Dan Schlaphoff, vice president; Edwin T. McHugh, cashier; Miss Marie Schweppe, assistant cashier. The directors of the bank comprise Herman Kupke, Robert Van Pelt, E. T. McHugh, Mrs. Mary K. Platte, August Ruge, all of these being well known and successful in their lines of activity.

The cashier of the bank, Edwin T. McHugh, is a native son of the Murdock community, a son of the late Jerry McHugh and Mrs. Eunice McHugh, a young man that graduated a year ago from the University of Nebraska college of law and returned to Murdock to open his law office where he has had most successful and has had a large part in the organization of the bank. It was a very pleasant part of the formal opening, that the mother was present to enjoy the event, as well as an uncle, Edwin McHugh of Atchison, Kansas, veteran railroad man.

The bank has at this time as the doors opened \$325,000 in deposits and this will grow, situated as the bank is in the midst of the wonderful agricultural empire of Cass county.

The organization of the new bank comes as the realization of the wishes of the many residents of that section of the county. Following the closing of the Bank of Murdock in 1932, the residents were supplied by the Co-Operative association from 1933 to 1949 when they voted to liquidate and join in the new banking house. The community now has a bank that is able to supply every financial need of their part of the county.

The former building used by (Continued on Page 6)

## Masonic Hall To Be Place Of Beauty

The upper floor of the Masonic building used by the order for their lodge and banquet room, as well as the office of the various branches of the York Rite Masonry, are now undergoing a program of redecoration that will make it very handsome when completed.

The waiting room at the north of the building has been repainted in light gray and white with paper in keeping with the painting. Here a new tile floor will be laid in the next few days and then the decorating of the office will be undertaken.

The lodge room one of the largest and most attractive in the state, has been repainted and papered and will now be thoroughly cleaned and made ready for the use of the bodies. Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., owners of the building, the past year had rearranged the room, eliminating two of the windows on the south, also have installed venetian blinds on the windows of the building.

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## Icy Roads Cause Wreck Near Millard

Two Weeping Water people, Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Rector, were injured on Thursday night in a car collision three miles east of Millard. The car, occupied by the Rectors, collided with one driven by Harry T. Gana of Lincoln.

The accident was caused by the icy condition of the road that made driving very difficult.

The parties were taken to the Douglas county hospital for treatment but were able to be released on Friday morning.

## Feeders Learn Ham Comes From Poland



Ever wave a red flag in front of a bull? C. B. Watson, of DeKalb, Ill., key speaker at the Live Stock Feeder's banquet at Weeping Water Thursday night and president of the Corn Belt Live Stock Feeder's Association, got about the same results when he held this can containing a "Krakus Brand" ham made in Poland before an estimated crowd of near three hundred. Flanked by Melvin R. Todd, Union, president of the Live Stock Feeder's Association, and Howard Philpot, Nehawka, toastmaster, Watson dwelt long on the trouble lower tariffs and the importation of fats and oils could do to local market.—Journal Staff Photo.

## Conventions Wednesday Night at 8

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the citizens of Plattsmouth will be called upon at their conventions to select candidates for the offices.

This spring on April 4th, the voters will elect a mayor, city clerk-treasurer, police magistrate, two members of the council from the first ward (north of Main street), one for one year and one for two years, and one councilman for two years from the second ward.

These men that are elected are to serve as the administrators of the city government for the next year. The council are to pass on all legislation for the city and appropriate and expend the funds raised by the city. It behooves the citizens not only to get out and select nominees, but citizens ready and willing to accept the burden of serving the city of which they are a part, as officers.

The democrats are to meet at the district court room, the republicans at the public library, all at 8 p. m. as specified by law. Be out and express yourself—that is what freedom means.

The board of education caucus meets at the high school at 8 p. m. and will name four candidates for the board of education, two to be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hadraba and Edgar Coghill spent the week end at Olathe, Kansas, with an uncle of Mrs. Hadraba's and Edgar's, who is stationed in the navy there.

## Court House Briefs . .

Petition for the probate of the estate of Sara Ellen Boyles, deceased of Elmwood, was filed in the county court on Saturday by John T. Boyles, a son. The petition asks for the appointment of John T. Boyles as the administrator. In the office of the clerk of the district court Saturday an action was filed in which Geneva Rough Wilson is plaintiff and David Kite, C. B. Wilson and C. D. Wilson, d/ba the New Market Oil Co., of New Market, Iowa, defendants. It is set out in the petition that on October 7, 1948, David Kite, employee of the company, operating a White tractor and hauling a Frauhaut trailer, was going east on highway No. 34, six miles west of Union. It is further alleged that the defendant Kite was negligent in the operation of the tractor and caused the tractor and trailer to run into a ditch and overturn. It is alleged that in the accident, 2,000 gallons of gasoline from the trailer was spilled and seeped into the ground, and as the result ruined a well on the property of the plaintiff used for water for drinking and cooking purposes. It is claimed that as the result it was necessary to

## Call for Bids For Road Gravel

The state department of roads and irrigation are calling for bids for the graveling of seven and a half miles of roadway on the Louisville road west from the Taylor schoolhouse to the part of the road known as the Cedar Creek corner on the Louisville road.

This highway is taken over by the state of Nebraska as a state highway and in conjunction with the county the road is to be made into a good all-weather road, new bridges have been contracted for and part of the preliminary work already carried out. The road has been graded up and with the new contract will be surfaced with gravel.

The letting of the bids will be on Thursday, March 16, at the state capitol at Lincoln.

## Taxi Cab Owners Hold Meeting Here

Thursday afternoon the taxi cab owners and operators of Bellevue, Auburn, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth, held a meeting at the Forty & Eight club in this city.

There was a very large representation at the meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the operation of their lines and suggested regulation that had been proposed to place the lines under the same rules and regulations as in Omaha and Lincoln.

The group will have a representative to look after their interests before the state railway commission that has charge of this line of regulation.

A classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35c.

## Bert Philpot Is Winner of High Purina Award

Bert Philpot of the Philpot Feed & Seed Co., one of the large businesses of its kind in the county, has been notified that he was the second in the contest staged by the Purina Co., manufacturers of the feeds specialized in by Mr. Philpot.

He has a record of sales of 200 tons of the feed the past season, that is a real showing of his excellence as a salesman as well as the appreciation of feeds of this brand. The award is a prize of \$200 to the Weeping Water representative of the company. The first prize was a trip to Cuba and Bert lacked but a little of getting the first place.

He is dividing the prize with Mrs. Philpot, who is now visiting in California with their daughter, Mrs. L. B. Keys at Manhattan Beach, and who can enjoy the prize to assist in her sightseeing. Mrs. Philpot made the trip to the west coast by plane, leaving here in the morning and at 6 p. m. was at her destination in the west.

## Stites to Stage Demonstration On Saturday

The Stites Implement company of this city of which George Stites is the owner and Kenneth Weaver, the manager, is staging a fine demonstration on Saturday at the plant of the company on South Chicago Ave. This will be in the nature of the offering of frozen foods and will be one of the largest held here, opening at 1:30 on Saturday March 4th.

Miss Kathryn Miller, well known home economist, will be in charge of the demonstration here on Saturday. She is one of the best known demonstrators for the frozen food company.

In recognition of the patronage of the public a first prize of a \$40 set of aluminum will be given, second a \$25 gift certificate and third a \$15 gift certificate.

In addition to the prizes Mr. Stites is offering free refreshments to the callers at the plant on Saturday afternoon.

## Ray Harold, Sr. Buys Trilety Home

The residence of Mrs. Anton Trilety on South Third street which has been occupied as the family home for the past few years, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harold, Sr., who will make this their home in the future.

The residence is well located in the business section of the city and of easy access to Main street and the downtown activities.

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## Marshall Speaks at Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau leaders of the southeast district of Nebraska attended a meeting in Lincoln, February 20, which was described by members of the group as "one of the most important regarding the Farm Bureau organization its resolutions and legislative activities."

Those attending from Cass county were: Dale Standor, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ahl, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wehrbaum, Merle Ragosa, Merton Gray, John Rieks, Arthur Pershing, Herman Schweppe, Gus Striech, August Keil, John Parkening, Fritz Siemoneit, Ruth Erickson and Pete Halmes.

Nebraska Farm Bureau President Charles Marshall, Elmwood; and Robert Thompson, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer discussed the importance of local leaders and members in developing the organization, formulating its policies through resolutions, and carrying out these policies through legislative activities. Both principal speakers emphasized the importance of county and unit members in formulating and directing the activities of the organization.

Thompson described the steps by which administration of Farm Bureau is carried out from local members to the state board of directors and administrative employees. He told that it is the views of the majority of local members which govern state and national policy.

Marshall described the steps in development of policy through county organizations at the state convention. He told of the methods by which the will of the majority of local members are put into practice and carried to the state and national levels. He recited a number of instances when local members had influenced the trend of the organizations' state and national stands on public issues.

Both speakers emphasized the need for a strong membership to write and prepare resolutions which represent the thinking of a majority of farm people. They said that the ultimate aim of membership and resolutions is to carry through an action program to develop legislation beneficial to agriculture and the whole economy.

## Death of Infant Child Saturday

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kraeger, who died at Omaha on Saturday afternoon at birth, was laid to rest this (Monday) morning at 10 o'clock at Oak Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. A. Lentz, pastor of Christ Lutheran church near Louisville.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Lester Holman one of the well known residents of near this city was operated on Friday at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha. He is now reported as doing fine and expects to be home in a few days.

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## Eagle Scout Willard Christensen



Willard Christensen is shown as his Eagle Scout badge is pinned on by his father, Marion Christensen, while the mother, Mrs. Christensen, is proudly standing by with the rose presented her in honor of the event. It was a very happy occasion for the family, and for Willard marked the culmination of his years of earnest work in Scouting and a worthy performance of the Scout law and precepts. The ceremony was held on Sunday, February 19th at the First Methodist church.—Journal Staff Photo.

## Murdock Store Hard Hit by Fire Friday

The Murdock Mercantile store Friday night was visited by a fire of unknown origin, causing a loss that will probably run into several thousands of dollars before the check is completed.

The store carries a large stock of general merchandise and a great part of this is badly damaged from water that was necessary to check the fire and the smoke.

The fire was first discovered at 10:30 Friday night when the postmaster was bringing the mail sack from the Rock Island depot. As he came along the main street of the town he noticed smoke rolling out of the store front and at once gave the alarm.

The fire department was quickly on the scene and held the fire to the rear of the room but a great deal of damage was inflicted on the building.

The heat was intense in the large store room and several of the large plate glass windows were cracked and broken by the heat before the fire was checked. A section of the shelving on the east side of the store was burned so badly that it collapsed and the contents of the shelves strewn on the floor.

August Wilkins, the owner of the store and with his staff was busy Saturday in trying to look after the trade and awaiting the arrival of the insurance adjusters.

The paint of the metal ceiling was badly blistered and in some cases burned off by the flames.

## Cass County Live Stock Feeders Banquet

Thursday evening the banquet at Weeping Water was filled to its capacity by the farmers and stock feeders of Cass county and a number of visitors from adjoining counties despite the fact that early afternoon had given threats of a blizzard.

The occasion was the sixth annual banquet of the Cass County Corn Belt Live Stock Feeders' association, a group that has grown into all parts of the county and have done very much for the improvement of the feeding business in this part of the state.

The officers of the Cass county group were all present and comprised Howard Philpot, Nehawka, president; Will A. Minford, Murray, vice-president; Charles H. Boedecker, Murray, secretary-treasurer; Clyde Wenzel, Eagle, director; Frank Hobscheidt, Union, Fritz Siemoneit, Plattsmouth, directors. These were accompanied by their ladies for the event. Other visitors present from Omaha were Mr. and Mrs. Cy Winkler, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rapp, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zach, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tighe, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clatterboard of Omaha, as well as many from other sections of the state.

The members of the group were very happy to have Howard Philpot, president, at the "mike" as the master of ceremonies, in which role he is also (Continued on Page Six)

## Roy Becker Now At Hospital

Roy Becker, one of the well known farmers of the Union community, is in the Clarkson hospital at Omaha for x-ray treatments. He has not been well for some time.

## Officers of Live Stock Feeders Attend Banquet



Officers and directors of the Cass County Live Stock Feeder's Association lined up before the camera following their annual banquet at Weeping Water Thursday night along with the speakers. From left to right are Clyde Wenzel, Eagle, director; Will A. Minford, Murray, vice-president; C. B. Watson, DeKalb, Ill., speaker and president of the Corn Belt Feeder's Association; Howard Philpot, Nehawka, president; Melvin R. Todd, Union, state president Live Stock Feeder's Association; Fritz Siemoneit, Plattsmouth, director; Frank Hobscheidt, Union, director, and Charles H. Boedecker, Murray, secretary and treasurer.—Journal Staff Photo.

## Devils Lose Thriller Friday, 50-49

One of the real thrillers of the basketball court was staged here on Friday night when the Lincoln Teachers came down to oppose the local high school quintet. It was a great battle and was won in the last seconds by the Teachers with a 50 to 49 score.

The Lincoln team had the advantage in height, as two of their players were over six foot. Johnson being six foot seven inches Janceck, who guarded his opposing center, played a great game and kept his scoring down. Matzke, the other tall boy of the team was the second high scorer for Lincoln with 13 points.

For the Blue Devils, stout-hearted Merle Dasher rang up twenty-one points to lead the Blue Devils with McCormick putting in ten for the Plattsmouth five Dasher was really hot in the last quarter when his ten points in that period kept the game a real horse race.

The game was close all the way through, and in the opening quarter Dasher had two field goals and a free throw, McCormick a field goal and free toss, Janceck, Ofe and Ashbaugh each cashed in on a field goal. Matzke for Lincoln had three field goals and a free basket. After one field goal Johnson (two) from the court and Macasa a field goal and a free toss. The score at the quarter was 16 to 14 in favor of the visitors.

In the second quarter McCormick for the Blue Devils had a field goal and three free tosses, Janceck and Ashbaugh each a field goal and Ofe a field goal and a free throw. For the visitors Johnson planned three from the field and garnered two free tosses while Matzke had two field goals. The score at the half time was 28 to 23 for the invaders.

In the third quarter the Plattsmouth scoring was by Dasher and Ofe, Merle getting two field goals and two free throws while Carl added a field goal. For the Teachers, Johnson was the chief point getter with (Continued on Page 3)

## Death of W. H. Woolcott at Home Sunday

The death of William Harvey Woolcott, prominent resident of this city, occurred Sunday, February 26th at 1:59 p. m. at the family home where he has been ill for the past year.

Mr. Woolcott has been quite active in the community life in the years that he has been a resident of Plattsmouth, and his going away will bring a great regret to a large circle of friends.

Mr. Woolcott, a son of James Keeler Woolcott and Ester Belle Cadance Hubbard Woolcott, was born May 8, 1889 in Union county, South Dakota. In later years he came to Nebraska and on September 24, 1913 was married at York, Nebraska, to Miss Helen M. Gould, later locating at Harwarden, Iowa, and in 1918 returned to Nebraska. Mr. Woolcott and family came to Plattsmouth in January 1923 and he entered the services of the Burlington railroad at the local shops, later transferring to the B.R.E.X. He continued his service with the B.R.E.X. until in September 1948 he retired on account of failing health.

In his community activities he was Grand Knight of the Masonic M. A. Shrine council of the Knights of Columbus for two years and for twenty years was (Continued on Page Four)

## Ashland Tops in East Seven Loop

The Ashland Bluejays, who were nosed out of the East Nebraska Seven tournament two weeks ago by College View, came back Friday night on their own court to eliminate College View by the score of 39 to 28.

The victory over College View assures the Saunders county five the right to the conference crown, that with the win of College View would have brought the claim to the title into a tie.

Plattsmouth has lost but one game in the conference, that to Ashland and still to meet Valley on Friday, March 3rd, and would have been in a position to claim part of the title had the Bluejays slipped in their decisive game Friday.