

Union

Mrs. L. G. Todd

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Balfour spent Sunday evening at the Ivan Balfour home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mougey and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Upton drove to Kansas City, Missouri, last Sunday where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finch. Mrs. Finch is a daughter of the Uptons.

Mrs. Ronald Dysart, Doris, Robert and Tommy of Oakland, California, are spending a week in Union visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cross and Iva Mougey drove to Omaha late Sunday night to meet the two grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Robert and Richard Smith of Arriba, Colorado. Their train, which was due in Omaha at

midnight, was two and one-half hours late, so the Crosses had a long wait.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Rihn of Plattsmouth called on Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dysart and their guests last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Paasch and two small daughters, Lynn and Ellen, returned last week from a week's vacation in the Ozarks. They visited Jerry's parents at Owensville, Missouri, whom Jerry had not seen since four years ago.

Mrs. Melvin Todd and son, Melvin, Jr., and Mrs. Elmer Kasbohm and son, Donnie, of Dunbar, attended the Soap Box Derby at St. Joseph, Mo., last Sunday. Donnie was one of the forty-eight entrants in this race. He won second in class A and was awarded a trophy, a wrist watch and membership in the national Y. M. C. A. A fine banquet was also attended by the boys and their mothers.

Mrs. Herb Burbee of Nianqua, Missouri, was visiting relatives and friends in Union last week. She called on Mrs. Todd on Wednesday. Mrs. Burbee is a former Union resident.

Mrs. Gene Edmunson and Mrs. Ida Jorgensen of Fargo, North Dakota, were visiting at the Elmer Witherow home several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Becker have moved into the Jorgensen home in the east end of town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Whitford and son, Jon, of Joplin, Missouri, were visiting Mrs. Whitford's mother, Mrs. Nina Upton, last week. Mr. Whitford joined his family on Thursday and they

went on to Colorado for a short vacation.

Mrs. L. G. Todd was hostess for the Woman's Society of Christian Service last Thursday at the church. Twenty ladies were present. Rev. Mitchell, wife and two little daughters were also present and were able to meet some of the ladies of our congregation. After a short devotional and business period the guests were served a very fine dinner which was served by Mr. Ashleman of Nebraska City, salesman for the Vita-Craft aluminum products. The "dime cake" baked by Mrs. Stevens, was also served and Mrs. Ivan Balfour drew the "dime slice" of cake. On July 27th the ladies of the W. S. C. S. of Plattsmouth will be guests of the Union Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Crawford attended a family reunion at Farragut, Iowa, last Sunday, given in honor of a nephew of Mrs. Crawford.

Miss Dorothy Niday left last Monday for Cleveland, Ohio, where she is visiting a brother, Cecil Niday and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McQuin and three daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Thompson at Bellevue. They attended church services in the evening at Nebraska City where Ramona was on the evening program.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Balfour and Mrs. Todd attended a show at Nebraska City last Sunday afternoon.

An official board and congregation meeting was held at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. There was a good attendance.

Lyle Lowell Schaefer celebrated his fifth birthday last Saturday afternoon by inviting a number of his little friends to his home. It was a busy afternoon. Several games were played out of doors. Then one of the highlights of such an occasion—opening of the birthday gifts. There the little guests were told to find their places. Cookies with their names were at each place. Flowers and a birthday cake made the table very beautiful. Lowell blew hard and put out the birthday candles. There the cake was cut and served with loads of ice cream and Kool-Ade. Those present were Robert, David and Judy Attebery, Joan Fensler, Leon Fitzpatrick, Iola Mae and Irene Rich, Donna and Patty McQuin, Lyle and Lowell Schaefer, Mrs. Donald McQuin, Mrs. Sarah Rich, Mrs. John Klem and Mrs. Todd.

David and Paul Anderson of Plattsmouth were welcome visitors at the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday.

4-H News

The Union Bird Society held their meeting at the home of Robert Ehlers Friday, July 14th. Fifteen members were present. Each one answered the roll call with a winter feed, suitable to be used in winter feeders. Each boy brought with him his bird feeder which he had been working on since the last meeting. A short business meeting was held. Then the leader, Mrs. Schanot, played recordings with bird cries on them so as to acquaint the boys better with our familiar bird calls. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments of cake, ice cream and Kool-Ade were served by the hostesses, Miss Mary Becker, Mrs. Otto Ehlers and Mrs. Ben Albin. Five mothers were present and the leader, Mrs. Schanot, and the assistant leader, Miss Mary Becker. Next meeting will be held August 4th at the home of Lowell and Gary Rieke.—Lyle Schaefer, News Reporter.

Elmwood

Mrs. Grace Plybon,
Journal Correspondent

Mrs. Lulu Hess returned on Tuesday to her home in Lincoln, Colorado, after being here to attend the funeral rites of her mother, Mrs. Emma Moomey at Ashland on Sunday.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Elmer Shreve is so much better that she is expected to return home soon, after spending about six weeks at the hospital in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gerbeling and Sandra were Sunday evening visitors of his mother, Mrs. Gerbeling and his aunts, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Plybon. They report that they have purchased a home in University Place four and one-half blocks from their store. It is being constructed and will be ready for occupancy in early fall.

Mrs. Fitch and Miss Ahlene are spending a few days at home from their camp at South Bend.

Ralph Shreve, a farmer southeast of town passed away at Lincoln on Sunday, July 17th. He is survived by his wife, the former Delia Schlanker; two daughters and three sons. Funeral services were held at Roper and Sons mortuary Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. P. Hill. Music was furnished by Robert Anderson, soloist, and Maryalice Macy, accompanist. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery, with pallbearers being Glen Feniman, Robert Davis, Willard Hall, Waite Hall, Rube Irons and Kenneth Quinn.

Wheat harvest has progressed slowly because of the many rains. Paul Bornemeier is assisting at the Farmer's elevator during the harvest season. The manager there, Ed Earnst, went to Lincoln on Tuesday to meet with the railway commission as is his



HAIR-RAISING . . . Helena Gratovica was interested in fellow passenger Josef Pirog's hairdressing as they arrived in New York.

custom when so many cars are needed for the wheat shipments.

Diane Bornemeier, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bornemeier, had the misfortune to fall in such a way while playing that a collarbone was broken.

Soap Contribution Minor Headache For Students

SPRINGFIELD, O. (UP)—Wittenberg college's students all but tripled their goal in a drive to collect 1,500 bars of soap for French hospitals. However, Feleand Meadows, director of the drive, didn't realize he was going to get a liberal education in government regulations, foreign shipping, insurance procedures and general business methods.

The problem of getting rid of the soap, once it was collected, became so great that Meadows had to call on a special assistant and they in turn recruited the aid of a local business man to help solve their problems.

When the soap drive ended, Meadows counted 4,100 bars of hand soap, weighing 1,620 pounds.

A check with the post office showed the shipping cost would be upwards of \$100. The students didn't have that kind of money. What's more, postal regulations required that the soap go in something like 80 separate cartons.

American Aid to France then informed Meadows that the students would have to pack the soap in double-wooden cases, water-proof-lined. The net pounds of each kind of soap would have to be supplied along with information on net and gross weight of each case, cubic feet of each case and value of each case.

Moreover, there would be an insurance charge, a handling charge and also a charge for ocean freight if ECA failed to accept responsibility. The local business man knew much about the red tape involved in foreign shipping. He helped the Wittenberg students get the necessary crates and put his own employees to work packing the soap without charge.

Two water-proofed wooden cases, each with an inside capacity of about 17 cubic feet, are now on the way to France bearing more than four-fifths of a ton of soap insured for \$400.

It cost the Wittenberg students \$22.50 to ship the soap to New York by freight, plus the handling charge of \$2 for American Aid. They banked on ECA to cover the cost of shipping the soap from New York to France.

FIREMEN PUT ON SHOW FOR BORED TRAINMEN
CHICAGO (UP)—The passengers on the Soo Line's Minneapolis Express were bewildered at the sight of a bunch of firemen fishing from a rowboat on dry land.

But the train crew knew what it was all about and chuckled in appreciation.

Members of the River Forest fire department decided one day a couple of years ago that the trainmen looked bored when they passed through the western suburb. The firemen decided to make the trainmen's lives more interesting.

Now, whenever they think of a good idea, they act out various "scenes," as duck hunting skits and gangland dramas complete with guns, all designed to give the Soo Line crews something to look forward to.

Oregon Restricts Fireworks Sales; Bans Risky Ones

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—From here on, flying saucers, pinwheels, lady crackers, snakes, golden butterflies and devil chasers will be on sale in Oregon only from June 20 to July 5. The men who furnish the fireworks are glad of it.

Oregon's new fireworks law relegates such dangerous devices as the M-80 and the cherry salute to the limbo of lost limbs. And the purveyors of pyrotechnics say—"Good!"

They felt the business was getting out of hand and that good regulations, such as those adopted by the recent Oregon legislature, were better than a ban on the whole works.

C. E. Brown, who heads the Hong Kong Importers and the Western States Fireworks Co., with headquarters in Tappanish, Wash., said he was glad to see the more hazardous merchandise ruled out of bounds.

For instance, there is the M-80. It is war surplus, used by the army in war games because it lets go with a blast that sounds like cannon fire. It can take off a hand, and has.

The cherry salute is so called because it is the size, shape and color of a cherry, with the fuse sticking out like a stem. It is powerful enough to blast fingers off, and has.

The limited selling period does not worry Brown. It just capsulizes his schedule. He's looking for a bang-up blow come the month of July with as much goods sold in Oregon as in an unlimited season.

He said: "The kiddies will just save up their cash and concentrate on their firecracker buying between June 20 and July 6. We look for a sale as big as ever."

Brown, whose companies sell firecrackers, punk and assorted bombs, blasts and salutes in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, estimates total sale of fireworks in the four states and territory will represent a retail value of some \$4,000,000.

Brown said Chinese firecrackers are by far the most popular pyrotechnics, with rockets and roman candles next.

Audible items are the ones you get a bang out of. A popular entry is the flying saucers, some 3 inches long and 1 inch through, with a whirling wire on top. The gadget flies through the air, then explodes.

Visible items are sparklers and other comparatively noiseless devices. Two brand new numbers are the golden butterfly, which shoots a rigid into the air where it showers golden stars, and the devil chaser, which does likewise, but showers silver stars.

Mystery of "Ghost City" Of Africa
By HAROLD GUARD
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON (UP)—In the dense jungleland, Kenya Colony there is a "ghost city" of unknown origin which the Colonial Office said may soon become a tourist attraction in East Africa.

Gedi, the mystery city of Kenya, was discovered 25 years ago. It was overgrown by a tangle of dense tropical jungle.

No reference to it exists in the historical records of the Kenya coast. But officials of the colonial government here recounted how they visited the ruins ten years ago at a spot about one and a half miles inland and ten miles south of Malindi on the Kenya coast.

They said African tribesmen shunned the area in the belief that it was haunted and gave it the name "Shauri Mbeva" which literally means "Earl Show." Colonial officials said investigations and conservation of Gedi are now being planned by Prof. J. S. Kirkman, warden of Kenya's historical sites.

"The city covers about a hundred acres," according to colonial officer Antony Haler.

"There are five mosques, a ruler's palace and a number of large houses, one of which might

have been a school. Among the ruins have been found jars and pottery from China, Siam and Annam. Trees were growing through the roofs of the temples and there were ghostly sounds and an eerie atmosphere all about."

It is thought that Gedi may have been an Arab town because there were many built in the 12th century when Arabs migrated from southern Arabia. But unlike all other Arab cities in East Africa, Gedi is not on the sea coast.

The Kenya government plans to take over the area as a national park. "There is a terrific fascination about the place," an official said. "It could be made into a wonderful tourist attraction. It has never been established how the place originated or why it was deserted. It may have been deserted because of plague or possibly coastal raiders drove the inhabitants away. It may be 300 years old or possibly 3,000. There are absolutely no records even of its existence today but we all know it is there off he beaten track, overgrown by jungle and an aura of mystery."

The Atlantean Research Center said all their available data indicated that Gedi was a city of Malay origin.

"We have records which show that traders from Malaya were going to East Africa in the year 1200. The curator of the museum in Nairobi has minutely described the pottery found in the ruins of Gedi which provide evidence that the city was occupied by traders from the East. The architecture indicates they were Mussulmans. They may have been Islamic but the fact that the city is not on the seacoast is contrary to Arab traders' practice," the Research Center said.

SCIENTIST TELLS HOW CHIGGERS WORK

DURHAM, N. C. (UP)—Ants may come to your picnic, but chiggers will go home with you unless you take the advice of Duke University scientists.

Dr. G. W. Warton, Duke zoologist, has completed a study of the little red monster's life and habits. For all his efforts, he found no thoroughly satisfactory treatment for chigger bites.

But Dr. Warton did nip some false ideas about chiggers, alias red bugs:

They don't get under your skin for a good meal. Instead they bite your hide, injecting a squirt of saliva. It's the saliva that makes you itch. It binds up your skin for the chigger, who gets his meal from your epidermis, not your blood.

It may take two or three days for the chigger to get all he wants of you and drop off. You feel worse after he's gone than while he's still grazing.

Scratching only prolongs the itching and may cause infection.

The best treatment for chiggers is to go where they aren't.

They avoid hardwood groves, so a growth of elms is a good campsite.

Chiggers' favorite hangouts are low in the ground near rotten logs, tree stumps or blackberry brambles. And though some sort of insect radar, they can tell when you're coming.

And if you believe the old theory that you can't get chiggers at night, an evening in the woods will yield a fine set of red bumps to show you they work right around the clock.

There's one thing in your favor. Chiggers are attracted only to stationary objects. Keep walking and you're itchless.

GIRL'S QUEST FOR JOB LEADS TO TRAGEDY

CHICAGO (UP)—Jobless because she had to help out at home, Bernice Sury, 25, saw a want ad for help at St. Anthony's Hospital.

She decided to see what the advertisement offered. Her mother asked her to stay home, but Bernice had made up her mind.

A few blocks from her home, she was struck by a street car. She was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital with a skull fracture.

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