

# UNION

Mrs. L. G. Todd  
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## Union Third In Volleyball Tourney

During the Friday evening Cass County Tournament of volleyball at Alvo, Union girls team played against Murdock and won third place, for which they received a fine trophy. Barbara Wolfe of Union was selected on the all-county team.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neill and family have moved to Iowa recently, where they will continue to farm. The Neills have lived here a long time and will be missed by their many neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Hazel Borcharding and daughter, Jane, of Lincoln, spent the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Todd and family.

## McQuins Are Evening Guests

Mr. and Mrs. John McQuin of Omaha drove to Stella, Neb., last Sunday where they were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. Jim Finkle was spending two weeks in the Rogers' home. Bob Finkle of Benedict, Neb., was also a guest. He is being transferred to Texas for Officers Training School. The McQuins were evening callers on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Rich and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stander and family are moving to Fremont this week. Their daughter, Carol Ann Stander, will remain in Union to finish her school year. She will be in the home of Miss Lenna Barber.

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# At 81, Gets Much Joy From Painting

Right here in Plattsmouth we can boast of our own "Grandma Moses" in the person of Mrs. Rose Retelsdorf, who observed her 81st birthday February 28, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Payne, 414 South Fifth, with whom she makes her home.

Mrs. Retelsdorf's artistic talents came to light here recently when she entered a number of water color paintings in the Senior Woman's Club art exhibit. Judges awarded Mrs. Retelsdorf a first place and honorable mention in the water color division.

Mrs. Retelsdorf began painting pictures in 1940 at the age of 68 years. It was during the winter of 1939-40 when she became ill and was confined to a sick bed.

In order to pass time and keep herself occupied, she took up the artist's brush and began a painting career that has resulted in hundreds of excellent water color originals, all scenes and landscapes are originals, many of them translated to canvas from memories of childhood observations.

One of the outstanding paintings in her collection is the scene of her family's homestead near DeSmet, South Dakota, where she lived as a little girl, leaving there when 16 years of age and never returning.

Depicted in the art is the small two-room sod house, the old rope well, the combination barn and hay stack that served as shelter for farm animals.

It was here that Mrs. Retelsdorf recalls one of the most terrifying experiences of her life, the blizzard of 1899. She recalls that on that fateful day, it dawned bright and clear under a warm sun. Toward evening, storm clouds appeared on the horizon and a slight breeze began blowing across the prairie lands.

In a matter of minutes the storm struck with all its fury, awakening in the little two-room sod house the next morning, she with her parents found themselves entombed in a huge snow drift. The house was completely covered and her father was forced to tunnel through a window, shoveling the snow inside the house, in order to release themselves from their prison.

She recalls the loss of life and animals. Livestock was found many miles from their home, frozen in the snow. Two neighbors saved themselves from freezing by going to the barn and crawled among the cattle. Others were not so fortunate.

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She pointed out one farm plot in her picture of the family homestead planted to what she calls "Side Oats," and recalls it was one of their largest crops. These oats, she explained, headed on only one side of the stem and often she had seen heads measuring as much as 18 inches in length.

Mrs. Retelsdorf loves to show her many paintings to friends and neighbors and stated to this reporter that "I have proposed to give all my talents and all the remaining years of my life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am planning on spending eternity with Him. I pray that what God has done for me through His power and His love, will be a testimony to all who read this and see my paintings, for all that I have and hope to be is from Him."

## South Dakotan Is Avoca Guest

Mrs. Maude Test, Mitchell, S. D., has been a house guest of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom. Mrs. Test came to help the Hallstroms observe their wedding anniversary February 26. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. William Probst, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Probst, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Probst.

Miss Meta Mueller and Mrs. Cole of Weeping Water attended a banquet at Lincoln Friday at the Italian Village which was sponsored by the Nebraska Butter Institute and American Butcher Association.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lingle were supper guests of her mother, Mrs. Kate Neumeister in Weeping Water Friday evening.

## Celebrates 1st Birthday

Bette Jeanne Hallstrom observed her 1st birthday March 5. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bette Hallstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hallstrom and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hallstrom and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Case and son, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallstrom and Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family of Plattsmouth were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zimmerman and Joe Monday.

Louis Allgeyer, Jr., has arrived in Europe after suffering an attack of pneumonia while going over.

The 4-H Club met with Robert Marquardt, Herbert Oelkerling and Henry Kirkhoff are leaders.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman were Mrs. Myron Schroder, Mrs. Robert Nutter and family.

## 4-H Sewing Club Is Organized

A 4-H sewing club was organized at the home of Mrs. Arnold French. Named "Snippy Stitchers," Sharon Ehlers was elected president, Barbara Pummel, vice president, Paula Ludwig, secretary-treasurer, Chrysta Sigal, news reporter, Joyce French, song leader.

## Students Lead Panel Discussion

The Union Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Howard Snodgrass with Mrs. Ollie Attebery as hostess. Mrs. Robert Grunwald conducted the business session. Mrs. Howard Comer led the devotions in which Mrs. L. B. Mougay sang a solo. Mrs. Snodgrass was accompanied by Mrs. Ray Frans and Mrs. Jerry Paasch conducted a youth forum panel discussion which made a very interesting program. They presented four High School students to take part in this panel. They were: Dorothy Schanot, Carol Pike, Richard Attebery and Ronald Boswell. Dorothy used as her subject, "Should Parents be Educated by Their Children?" She suggested that parents should be more broad-minded and attend youth activities, and to remember this is not "the horse and buggy age." Ronald suggested that something be done for our young people to help them have a place for activities but he did not approve of much older people supervision.

Carol Pike wondered "What is Wrong With our Schools?" She suggested better salaries for teachers, also that there was a shortage of teachers, too much money is being spent for liquor and tobacco. She closed with "what have you done for your school besides paying taxes?"

Richard Attebery asked, "Should boys who are 18 years of age and old enough for the draft, be allowed to vote. He thought it not advisable for he felt they were not able to make decisions which carry so much responsibility. He also was not in favor of the Unilateral. He stressed his ideas that a two-house Legislature was a much better way to make decisions.

Hostesses served delicious refreshments in keeping with St. Patrick's Day.

## Belated Birthday Dinner Is Held

A "belated" birthday dinner was held at the home of Mr. L. G. Todd last Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rothe, Mrs. Marvin Carlson and baby daughter, Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rothe, all of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Todd, Nancy and Melvin, Jr., of Union, and Mrs. Hazel Borcharding and daughter, Jane of Lincoln. There was "loads of food" with a fine birthday cake. Mrs. Todd also received a number of gifts and a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers.

## MILITARY MANPOWER

The Citizens Advisory Commission on Manpower has urged that an over-all reduction of at least ten per cent be made in the size of the standing military forces and the defense budget of the United States. The proposed cutbacks would amount to 500,000 men and five billion dollars.

## DOG GONE

Robert Johnson of Cairo made his donation to the March of Dimes campaign this year. But there was a leash attached. The fox terrier he donated, complete with collar and leash, had to be auctioned off—the proceeds then going to the March of Dimes.

## BUSINESS PROSPECTS

Business in the nation is good and the prospect is for high-level activity into the second half of the year and perhaps, throughout the entire year. A business decline, if it comes, in some experts predict, will be a moderate one.

## STRICTLY FRESH

A MISSISSIPPI man made sure he didn't serve his prison sentence on the county farm. He bought the farm.

A personnel expert states, "The brilliant lazy man makes the best executive." We know a lot of potential executives. They have half those qualities already.

Two burglars complained to police when another felon stole their loot. Cops got it back but returned

it to the original owner. Sometimes there ain't no justice.

Fashion models asked income tax deductions on depreciation of their beauty as they grow older. The Internal Revenue officials said, "American beauty never becomes obsolete." How true! Nor older.

A girl accused her boy friend of stealing her coat when he left her at a dance. Police found it in her garbage can. Sour grapes, eh?

# AVOCA HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Henry Maseman, Correspondent

## Candidates Are Nominated Here

Town and the school caucus was held Monday evening at the school house. Names for the town board were Robert Hallstrom, Elmer Hennings, Fred Marquardt, Carl Zaiser, Elmer Hennings, incumbent.

For the school board were Lynn Hoback, Paul Straub, John Compton and Ralph Stubbendick. Hoback and Straub are also incumbents.

Visiting at the George Sudman home Sunday were Mrs. Lena Hunterman, John Sudman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson and sons, all of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emshoff and family, Mrs. Dena Ruge and Frances were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Mather and Ricky of Plattsmouth.

Mrs. John Compton entertained at a brush party Wednesday. Mrs. Leonard Haveman is the demonstrator.

Mrs. Pearl Vette is now helping at the telephone office while Miss Frances Ruge and Miss Bertha Neumeister, operators, have a day off each week.

Friday evening Lenten services were held with Rev. Adams of Elmwood. Next Friday Rev. Val Johnson of Murray will speak.

William Burns is ill at his home with a blood clot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pedersen, Lincoln, have moved on the Clara Ruhga farm. Mrs. Pedersen is the former Clara Jane Ruhga.

John Marquardt went to Los Angeles, Calif., to deliver a new car and will also visit his brother Farneis.

## Entertains At Card Party

William Mickelsen entertained the Sunday Evening Card club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruge. Prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. John Stubbendick, Mrs. William Dettmer, Mrs. Alma Minderman, Mrs. Emma Rawalt, Mrs. Louis Ruge. Prizes were pottery from the Red Wing Pottery Co., of Red Wing, Minn., which is Mr. Mickelsen's home.

Jerry Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, left for the air corps in California Monday.

## Mrs. Kord Sudman is much improved from her recent illness.

Callers at the True Harmon home Sunday were Mrs. Hal Garnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hinkle and Mrs. Ted Ryan, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Swindick, Lincoln, Rev. and Mrs. Val Johnson and family, Murray.

Mrs. Pearl Vette spent Sunday with Mrs. Myrtle Wolph.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rippe, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hennings and son, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Rippe and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kirkhoff of Eagle.

## Garden Club Meets Monday

The Golden Rod Garden Club met with Mrs. John Wolph Monday afternoon. The program was "Forcing Bulbs Indoors," Mrs. William Kepler, "Trellises and Lattices," Mrs. Paul Linhardt, contest, Mrs. Caroline Marquardt. Each member made a spring centerpiece and were judged. Prizes went to Mrs. J. H. F. Ruge, Mrs. Paul Linhardt, Mrs. Lois Tefft, Mrs. Albert Sill.

## Baptismal Service Held

Baptismal services were given to Kirk Gene Stubbendick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stubbendick. Also through the service of baptism Jerry Johnson became a member of First Lutheran church Sunday with Rev. F. Bracher officiating. Jerry left for the armed forces Monday.

The choir has received their new chorus robes.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stratton and son of Omaha visited her father, Henry Jorgensen Sunday.

Cemetery Kensington met in Weeping Water with Mrs. Alma Berner and Mrs. Carl Carlson. It was voted to hire Lester Heebner as caretaker of the cemetery for another year.

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## More Room is Answer to Beef Producing Disease

Beef producers who want to avoid coccidiosis troubles and get more profitable gains may simply need to give their young animals more room, a spokesman for the American Foundation for Animal Health reported today.

The Foundation cited the fact that calves have much less coccidiosis infection on the range where they have lots of room.

"Crowding the animals into small lots of pastures increases the danger," the report said. "Small feedlots become quickly contaminated, and cattle can become severely infected."

The cause of coccidiosis is a tiny parasite similar to the one which infects chickens. However, the disease cannot be transmitted from chickens to cattle, nor can chickens get it from cattle.

The Foundation said farmers should be alert for such coccidiosis symptoms as weakness, scours and loss of weight. Calves coming down with this disease may

also have a rough hair coat, drooping ears and sunken eyes. Feedlots should be cleaned as often as possible to avoid trouble. Elevated feed and water containers, designed to prevent contamination, should be used because coccidiosis usually is spread by dirty feed and water.

The Foundation said prompt diagnosis is important. Herd treatment by a veterinarian will protect the rest of the calves and may help cattle already showing symptoms of the trouble.

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