

ELMWOOD

Mrs. Grace Plybon
Phone 4-2247

Thirty Eastern Star members surprised Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dorr in their new home in Elmwood on Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hall have a son born on Nov. 29, named Gary Dale. At Thanksgiving time Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel (Shirley Schlanke) motored to Rapid City, South Dakota, to see the new relative. Dale is stationed there in his army photography work.

Clark Marshall sang a special Christmas solo at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Marshall are attending the National Farm Bureau convention in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Robb Hostess At Noon Luncheon

Mrs. Bess Tyson Robb entertained at a one o'clock luncheon at her home on Monday. Guests were Mrs. Olson Simpkins of Reading, Mass., and her four daughters, Dorothy Miller, Inez Mendenhall, and Hazel Shelly of Elmwood, and Bada Miller of Gretna, and the sister of the hostess, Ethel McCroary.

Miss Myrtle Wood brought back from her European six weeks' Hansen tour a knitted hood from Holland. She enjoyed seeing the famous Zuyder Zee, as well as the many noted places and buildings about which she had studied in history. Her mother, Mrs. M. J. Wood, was also a teacher for many years and a student of history and geography.

Bob Burke and Miss Pearl Miller of Lincoln called on his sister, Mrs. Ruth Davis on Friday.

Mrs. Cora Gerbeling is living with her sister, Mrs. Plybon after spending over two months in Nora where her sons Clyde and Dale live.

Mrs. Ella Reenow and Mrs. Ed Rosenow of Alvo were business visitors in Elmwood on Friday. Mrs. Cecil Stilgebaur of South Dakota is visiting her mother and sister, Bertha and Ahlene Fitch.

Christmas Program Features Meeting Of Bluebird Club

A special Christmas program under the leadership of Mrs. R. R. Clark was held on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. J. Fleischman. This was the closing meeting for the Bluebird Extension club. Mrs. Krecklow, retiring president, installed the new officers for 1954.

Mrs. Paul Bernmeier read from a German letter she had received years ago, and Mrs. Plybon talked about Christmas in Europe. Mrs. Herman Bernmeier read the story of Silent Night. Mrs. Plybon read the Christmas story from Luke and for doing our part to make the song of the angels about peace and good will for all, come true.

Mrs. Johens read an original poem, "Christmas Shopping." Then from the high school came readings, Martha Ann Stolz giving "The Littlest Angel" and Darlene Krecklow "The Little Match Girl." Joyceola Eidemiller, Dorothy Brokage and Martha Stolz sang three numbers. Roll call was answered by naming a favorite recipe or giving a Christmas wish. The story of the writing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Rev. Phillips Brooks was given and that favorite carol was sung. Mrs. Nettie Mendenhall and Mrs. Ellis Miller served an appropriate Christmas dessert lunch.

Soil Testing Gaining Prestige In Cass County

One hundred sixty-nine soil samples from Cass county were forwarded through the County Extension office to the State Soil Testing Laboratory during the past 12 months, according to Clarence Schmadeke, Cass County Extension Agent.

This is more than 100 per cent increase over the five year average previous to 1953. The five year average number of samples submitted for analysis is 75. It pays to test soil for intelligent use of fertilizers or as one good cooper from Murray put it: "Just for curiosity's sake its worth a dollar to know." Where fertilizers are to be applied in 1954 it would be well to get those samples taken right now before the soil freezes up.

Journal Want Ads Pay!

Talk of the Town

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald E. Blunt who are stationed at Long Island, New York, called their mother Mrs. Mae Blunt Saturday, to extend Christmas greetings.

Mrs. Josephine Ulrich of Omaha was here Friday, visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leonard Brothers, of Nebraska City was here Friday visiting with relatives and friends.

Christmas day guests at the home of Mrs. Joe Solomon and Vera will be Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmit of Little Sioux, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keeley and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Jochimsen and Yvonne, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Little and children.

Lt. and Mrs. Boyd Rouse arrived Saturday night to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Meisinger parents of Mrs. Rouse. Lt. Rouse is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

Robin Nirste, who is stationed with the armed forces in Montgomery, Ala., is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Nirste.

Dick Beverage, student at Colgate University in New York, is here for the holidays, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Beverage.

A/3 and Mrs. Robert M. Alm, stationed with the armed forces at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, arrived Saturday evening to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marie Richards, mother of Mrs. Alm, and also with other relatives and friends. Airman Alm is at the present attending Radar School at Keesler Air Force Base.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Day, and W. D. Day, will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Woods in Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Akeson attended the wedding of Marilyn Akeson and Wm. Buskirk in Weeping Water Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Akeson will spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Akeson, and family in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Denning will visit Christmas morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn and sons, and will be dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kraeger and sons.

Nancy Sue Konfrst, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Konfrst is spending Christmas with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDalmond, and her grandfather, Frank Konfrst, Sr. in San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Konfrst, and daughter Patty, will spend Christmas with the parents and brother of Mrs. Konfrst, at Red Oak Iowa. Mrs. Konfrst and Patty will remain for a longer visit and help care for her mother, who is ill.

Christmas day guests at the Herman Hennings home will be Mrs. Henry Born, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hennings and family, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hennings. Evening guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Donald Born and family.

Guests at the Donald Born home for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller and family of Fort Crook.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Babbitt and family of Fort Collins, Colorado, are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Babbitt. Hubert attends Colorado A. & M. at Fort Collins.

Mrs. Clarence Keil and son Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eastridge, were in Havelock Sunday, at the home of the Eastridge's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ann Gooley and family, where they enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner.

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Baby Beef 4-H Project More Popular
The 4-H Baby Beef project was the most popular project in the Agricultural list in 1953. Figures show that 111 boys and girls owned and fed 233 calves. Next most popular projects were 50 dairy; 26 Soil Conservation; 25 Swine; 23 Yard Beautification; 17 Tractor; 16 Farm Shop; 14 Bird; 6 Sheep and 3 Garden club projects.

Earthworms Like Mulch on Soils
Earthworms are a normal biological component of soil. A study was made to determine if leaving residues on the surface of the soil under Nebraska conditions as compared with plowing residues under, affected their numbers. The earthworm population in the surface 8 inches of soil was 2 to 5 times as great in plots mulched with crop residues as in plots in which the residue was plowed under.

Bangs Disease
One cow in ten will recover from Bangs Disease estimates Dr. S. W. Alford, University of Nebraska Veterinarian. About one-tenth of the cows which do not recover will abort the second time. When a cow loses her calf the cause may be bangs disease or any one of a number of other causes.

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Guests for Christmas at the home of Mrs. Hattie Brothers, will be Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brothers, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barker of Nebraska City.

Grant Roberts returned home Sunday morning following a five week business trip to Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Roberts is a travelling accountant for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quinnett entertained at a dinner Thursday honoring Mrs. J. G. Quinnett on her birthday anniversary. She was also honored at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Cornett Wiles of Weeping Water.

December 13 marked a significant milestone in the advancement of telephone communications in southeast Nebraska. At that time long distance operators serving 125 communities in southeast Nebraska began dialing calls straight through to over 17 million of the 50 million telephones in the United States without help from operators in distant cities.

This was made possible through the installation of inter-toll dial switching equipment at a new telephone building in Lincoln. This new equipment is now the hub of operator long distance dialing in southeast Nebraska and is an important dial toll center in the national system.

E. A. Ernst, area manager of The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company at Plattsmouth, said that operators serving Plattsmouth will now be able to dial long distance calls straight through to telephones in nearly all towns in southeastern Nebraska which have dial service, or to operators at other points. Since February 1952, eight cities served by LT&T have had direct connection with the national dialing system through equipment at Omaha. These are Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Wahoo, Seward, York, Hastings, Tecumseh and David City.

In terms of customer service, E. A. Ernst said, this will mean that most long distance calls to points connected with the toll dialing system will go through about as fast as dialing a local call, provided that the customer knows the number of the distant party. On calls to points out of Nebraska, the long distance operator will dial three digits to reach the desired state, two more digits to reach the desired town, and then the required number of digits to dial the subscriber's telephone number at the town. The telephone at the distant city starts to ring almost instantly after the operator finishes dialing the number.

Perfect Attendance Sought For Next Drum Corps Practice
One hundred per cent attendance is asked when the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps renews practice session on Monday night, January 4.

The corps recently suspended regular practice for the holiday season. Drum and bugle corps members now total about 22, and all are requested to mark the date for resumption of regular drills at the 40 and 8 club building.

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Rabbit Damage in Trees
If and when all available food for rabbits becomes covered with snow this winter they will likely be looking for food. The fruit trees and seedling wind-break trees will then be vulnerable to girdling by rabbits. It may pay to protect those trees ahead of time.
Clarence Schmadeke, County Extension Agent.

Candlewax Stains Can Be Removed Quite Easily
Candles are a traditional part of the holiday festivities. When using candles, the problem of wax drippings on the table cloth is likely to arise.
According to Helen Rocke, extension clothing specialist at the University of Nebraska, these stains can be removed easily. First gently scrape the hardened wax from the surface of the cloth with a dull knife. Sponge the stain then with a cleaning solution just as you would for any other grease spot.
If traces of color are left after using the cleaning solution, sponge the spot with a cloth dipped in a mixture of two parts water to one part rubbing alcohol.

A safety precaution when using a cleaning fluid is to use it out of doors or in a well ventilated room.

A Classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35 cents

Good Set, Location Important To Enjoy Television Sets
For maximum enjoyment and value from television, buy a good set and have it installed properly at the best location in the room. Harriet Brigham, extension housing and equipment specialist advises.
With adequate lighting which is indirect and diffused, the set should give satisfaction to the family.
Miss Brigham cautions people against attempting any amateur repair on a television set. The results could prove fatal. Removing the back of a television receiver may be dangerous unless a person is a qualified serviceman.
The television receiver is equipped with an automatic interlock which cuts off power when the back is removed. However, a severe electric shock may result if the interlock is bypassed. Since the receiver power supply provides ten to fifteen thousand volts of electricity to light the picture tube, it is understandable that a shock may well be fatal.

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The Plattsmouth Journal
410 Main Street Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Joe Rickards Dies Friday; Burial Today

Joe S. Rickards, resident of Plattsmouth and Cass county since 1935, died at Hill Crest Nursing Home early Friday morning, December 18, 1953. He was 89 years old.

Native of LaSalle, Illinois, Mr. Rickards had been in failing health for some time.

Born on September 7, 1867 at LaSalle, Ill., he had resided at the nursing home here for some time. He was married November 12, 1895 at Butler, Mo., to Lottie Hoyt.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl Hanna of Corning, Ia., and two sons, Frank Rickards of Paulina, Ia., and Fred Rickards.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 21, 1953, at Sattler Funeral Home with Rev. G. E. Seybold, pastor of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church officiating. Burial was at Oak Hill cemetery at Plattsmouth.

Lions Fall to Omaha Westside 62 to 52 Friday

Coach Darrell Brandenburg's Louisville Lions pushed Omaha Westside for three quarters before following behind in the final period to drop a 62-52 tilt.

Sparked by Bill Nessen and Jack White, the Lions pressed the larger Omaha school 9-12 after one period and have moved within one point at 20-21 at intermission.

The Omahans moved into a 41-37 lead after three quarters and moved away in the closing minutes.

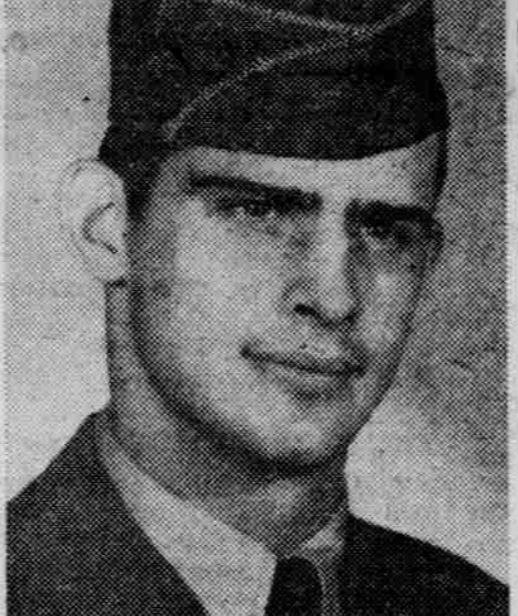
Nesson hit 16 points and Jack White added 13 for the Lions. Proctor also hit 12. Hank Alfrey had 6, Bill Workman, 3, Heard 1 and Stohlmann 1.

Westside, led by Gary Rosenbaum, outlit the Lions from the field 24-18 but Louisville showed better control from the gift line, netting 16 of 29 shots, while Westside hit 14 of 23.

Former Resident Here Dies at Omaha; Burial Tuesday
Word has been received by friends here of the death of Mrs. Mayme Coffey Olsen at her home in Omaha. Mrs. Olsen is a former resident of Plattsmouth.
She is survived by her husband, Charles; two daughters, Miss Lucille Olsen and Mrs. Helen Clark, all of Omaha.
Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at nine o'clock at St. Peters church in Omaha. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre cemetery at Plattsmouth.

Gary Ashbaugh Home On Leave

Arriving home last Wednesday for a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Ashbaugh, was Pvt. Gary Ashbaugh.



Pvt. Gary Ashbaugh
Pvt. Ashbaugh will spend the Christmas holiday with relatives and friends at Plattsmouth and Glenwood.

Corn Borer Infestation Up in County

Corn borer population has increased in Cass county more than four times that of 1952 according to Harold J. Ball, assistant entomologist at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture.

The calculated number of borers per 100 plants has climbed from 10 in 1952 to 41 during the past summer. Cass county is one of the Southeast counties for which a count was taken.

On the state level borer infestation jumped from 24 a year ago to 79 during the past year.

Figures for each county were determined by taking the average of five fields in that county. Twenty five stalks were counted off and the number of stalks infested recorded. Then, two of these infested stalks were completely dissected in order to determine the number of borers per 100 stalks by means of simple arithmetic.

Estimated loss for 1953 was set at approximately seven and one half million dollars, more than twice the previous year.

IDENTICAL TWINS
Los Angeles — Eugene Glasband, 36, had his appendix removed one morning. His twin, Victor, began having pains shortly afterwards and underwent surgery that evening. They shared the same hospital room. The brothers said they both began getting gray hair at the exact time, the corrections for eye-glasses are identical and the same corresponding teeth have been pulled and filed.

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