

NEHAWKA EVENTS

Mrs. F. O. Sand Phone 2604

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson and daughters were dinner guests Sunday at the Mark Weickhorst home.

Mrs. Ivan Hansen entertained her bridge club Monday evening. There were three tables at play.

Three Are Honored By Birthday Club

Guests of honor at the birthday club covered dish supper Saturday night at the Fred Hansen home were Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. George Pollard and Bryce Hansen. There was a birthday cake for each and also gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hild and Gary Plattsmouth, were guests.

Bryce Hansen was ten April 7. Mrs. Hansen and Catherine took treats to school for Mrs. Sam Marcoe, the teacher and the classmates of Bryce. In the evening his dinner guests were Mrs. F. A. Hansen, Junior Nixon and Danny Edmonds.

Sharon and Carol Lemley, Omaha, are spending this week at the Jack Hines home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roddy, Union, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Zierlich, Omaha, were dinner guests Friday at the Carl Wessel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hall, Omaha; Mrs. F. A. Hansen and Mrs. Charlotte Niday were dinner guests Sunday at the George Pollard home.

Recent callers at the Tei Brannon home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lindsey, Mrs. Edith Wiles and son, Weeping Water; Mrs. Minnie Schieber, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ross and Marion, Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kropp received word that their son, Jed, who has been in service in Japan for two years and three months, is on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Berghoff, and family attended the Senior class play Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Yost and family, Lincoln, were guests for the day Sunday at the John Chandler home. Dorothy Yost remained to spend her spring vacation at the Chandler home this week.

Mrs. Martin Ross, Mrs. Henning Johnson, Mrs. Eugene Hicks, Mrs. Gilbert Edmonds, Mrs. Frank Warden, Mrs. George Dickman, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. Floyd Joerger attended funeral services Thursday for Walter Brittain at Plattsmouth. Mrs. Emma Nutzman, Mrs. Oren Pollard, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence Gregg and Mrs. F. O. Sand attended the state Women's Convention at Lincoln Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balfour entertained six tables at pinocchia Sunday evening. High score was held by Mrs. Jack Hines and Albert Anderson, low by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Baller and sons were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Harlan Maple and children at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barkhurst made a business trip to Lincoln Friday. Their grandson, Larry Fullerton, returned home with them to spend his spring vacation.

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Ticklers

By George



"Atta boy! Tell the boss off for me too."

Family Dinner At Hansen Home

Following the baptismal service at the Methodist church Sunday a family dinner was held at the Ivan Hansen home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ross and Marion, Union; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hansen and Tommy, Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ross and Doble, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Witt, Dunbar, were dinner guests Sunday at the Jack Hines home.

Receives Royal Purple Degree

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warden accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross to Omaha April 6 where Mr. Barkhurst received the Royal Purple Degree of the Encampment by the Excelsior Encampment No. 103 of Benson. The ladies attended the regular meeting of the LEA of Excelsior Encampment Auxiliary No. 1 and later enjoyed a social hour at cards. Refreshments were served.

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Recent guests of Silas Munn, a shut-in, were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norris and son, Arthur, who returned recently from Korea; of Avoca; Beth Blessing, Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Jensen, Syracuse; Mrs. Calvin Causten and Sally, Mrs. Nancy Carsten, Mrs. Martha Ryge, all of Avoca; Miss Eleanor Easter, Mrs. Emma Nutzman, Mrs. Lucy St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Niday and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tucker.

The pancake supper, sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship Saturday evening at the church was a success.

Junior Women Meet Friday

The Junior Woman's club met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lyle Choat with Mrs. Ed Stanley, Frances Hansen and Mrs. G. W. Weik as co-hostesses. Dr. Wm. E. Hall, professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska, was introduced by Mrs. Deane Nutzman, program chairman. His topic was "Child Psychology." A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Lawrence Gregg and Mrs. Art Johnson reported on the state convention.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dickman and sons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harden of Omaha and while Mr. and Mrs. Dickman attended the Encampment and LEA meetings their sons were guests at a television party.

Mrs. George McFadden returned Tuesday from Okarche, Okla., and is helping care for her father, Silas Munn, Mr. and Mrs. McFadden's new grandchildren have been named Harlan James Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bauer of Lincoln and Dianne Sue Krecklow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krecklow of Okarche, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pollard received word last week from Mr. Pollard's niece, Mrs. D. G. Griffith, of the death of her husband, Dr. D. G. Griffith of a heart attack at Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Emma Nutzman, Mrs. John Chandler, Mrs. Oren Pollard and Mrs. Harvey Barkhurst attended the Omaha spring district meeting at Papillion Tuesday.

The Weeping Water choir of the Methodist church presented a cantata "The Empty Tomb" at the church at Nehawka Sunday evening.

There will be an F.H.A. family night April 21. The members and their families are invited to a covered dish supper at school followed by a social hour.

Jorgensen Notes 78th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jorgensen were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Jorgensen's father, Frank Martin of Union, who observed his 78th birthday. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grunwald and Phyllis Jean, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, all of Union; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ross, Nebraska City; Mrs. Louis Cruik and family, Clearville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Ross and family, Nehawka.

Mrs. George Martin and Mrs. Frank and family returned Wednesday from Clarksville, Tenn. Mrs. Martin spent several months taking care of the Crunk children, while their mother was a surgery patient at the hospital there. She came here to recuperate at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Pollard were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nolte at Mynard. Also there to spend the day were Mr. and Mrs. Pollard's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Raymond Pollard and family of Schaller, Iowa, were at the Nolte home to spend the day.

Three Baptized At Church Sunday

There were three baptisms at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Rev. Fred Gardner officiated. Baptized were Lois Jean Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hansen; Joyce Elaine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson; Virginia Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mitchell. Robin and Rosie Stoll were taken into the church by profession of faith. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barkhurst and Esther by transfer.

The following were on the six week honor roll: Seniors—Jim Baller; Juniors—Janet Cook; Sophomores—Kay Ward, Amy Warlick; Freshmen—Sharon Ehlers, Darlene Murdoch.

The teacher, Peggy Sand and pupils of district 26, went to Lincoln Friday to tour places of interest. Transportation was furnished by Mrs. Robert Jameson, Mrs. Joe Dietl, and J. L. Young and the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hadley and family called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wade Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton and family were Sunday evening callers at the Hadley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Warden, Nebraska City, were afternoon and supper guests Thursday at the Charles Bates home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates called on Mrs. Fattie Surphin Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Surphin's son, Barton, has been a patient this past week at Clarkson hospital in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brannon entertained Mr. and Mrs. Guy Murdoch and Darlene at a waffle supper Monday evening.

Mrs. Emma Christwiser was a guest for the day Sunday of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Hansen and Mr. Hansen.

Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Kunkel of Weeping Water and Mrs. O. Kunkel spent Sunday afternoon at the Howard Snodgrass home at Union.

family were dinner guests Sunday at the Dan Anderson home and supper guests at the Lyman Anderson home. Rickey Romans is spending his vacation with his grandparents.

Robert James, Nebraska City, called at the Carl Balfour home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balfour were dinner guests Friday evening at the Dan Anderson home. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard and Larry Adkins called in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Eiman, Murdoch, called Thursday afternoon at the Frank Dill home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton and family, Mrs. Charlotte Schomaker were guests Saturday evening at the Frank Van Pool home at Weeping Water.

W.S.C.E. will meet at the church Wednesday, April 21. Hostesses will be Mrs. Bob Wunderlich, Mrs. Alfred Mather and Mrs. Fred Gardner.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Gardner and daughters, Weeping Water, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pollard were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Oren Pollard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Linder and Connie Jean, Lincoln, were guests for the day Sunday at the Frank Linder home.

Mrs. Oren Pollard attended the Lenten Season Cantata at Lincoln Friday evening given by the music department of fine arts. Her nephew, Donald Kitchoen took part. Mr. Kitchoen is the carillon player at the University and also at Plymouth Congregational church. He will go to Chicago this week to give a carillon concert at the University of Chicago on Friday, April 16.

OUT of OLD NEBRASKA

Although the first territorial legislature provided for free public schools in Nebraska, most of the territory's earliest institutions of learning were private schools. Local governing boards sometimes were indifferent to the problems of education, and even with an appreciation of the need, it took a rather considerable length of time to enact laws, collect taxes and provide school facilities. In many instances, parents of school age children simply went ahead and made their own arrangements for the education of their young.

Frequently, this took the form of holding school in the kitchen—or in the one room that served as home—with mother teaching her own and perhaps a few of the neighbor children as she did her housework. More frequently, though, a group of parents banded together to hire someone to teach their children, usually in her (the teacher's) home.

Occasionally, the parents also built a school. In the spring of 1855, for example, Miss Margaret Martin opened the first school in Nebraska City. Miss Martin was a trained and experienced teacher, having attended a seminary in Vernon, Indiana, and taught in Missouri and Iowa. She opened the school at the request of the parents of some of the school age children of Nebraska City who had built a small school house from native cottonwood and furnished it with backless benches of the same material. Miss Martin received \$1.50 per month for each of her dozen pupils.

The next year a second school was opened in Nebraska City. This was located in a house on Kearny Hill. The rooms set aside for school use were made attractive with desks and seats painted in contrasting colors of white and blue, white curtains at the windows, and by immaculate cleanliness. Miss Lucy Bowen was the teacher.

In his report of the territorial superintendent for 1860, J. B. Weston, of Gage County, had this to say of the situation in Beatrice: "Last summer a school was taught in this town in a vacant building built up for that purpose by Miss Frank C. Butler. The term continued some twelve weeks and the average attendance was about 25 scholars. The expenses were defrayed by private subscription. The teacher's wages were \$2.00 per week, I think, and board. The scholars were thought to have made tolerable advancement under her tuition, as she acquired the reputation generally among the people of being a good teacher. This is the sum total of all that has ever been perpetrated in the way of schools in this county as yet."

When public schools were established they frequently consisted of the payment of private teachers with public funds and making available to all the facilities of the private schools. As the chairman of the board of education of Nebraska City explained, this seemed the best thing to do: "anything less than this (did not seem fair to them (the teachers) or the taxpayers; no class in the community deserved consideration more than those who have, amid discouragements, built up schools among us and more policy would lead us to be cautious about extinguishing them by competition until we have public funds sufficient to make their places good."

Thus, Nebraska's educational beginnings were a combination of private initiative and public support for that initiative. As the territory became more settled and its financial resources developed, organized public schools appeared in virtually every community.

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