

**Nielsen - Ackley
Betrothal Told**

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen announce the engagement of their daughter Elinor to Robert Ackley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ackley of Nehawka.



Elinor Ackley

Miss Nielsen is a graduate of the Avoca high school in 1953, and is at present employed in Omaha.

Mr. Ackley graduated from the Nehawka high school in 1952 and is employed with Kelly Brothers and Co. in Nehawka. No date has been set for the wedding.

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**Dowton - Ruffner
Wedding In
Pamona, Calif.**

Helen Joan Dowton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dowton of Pamona, Calif., and Andrew W. Ruffner, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ruffner of this city were married Saturday, December 11, 1954 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Pamona.

The bride was attired in a light brown knitted suit with dark brown accessories. She carried a hand bouquet of yellow rosebuds.

Her matron of honor, Mrs. Alfred J. Petro, wore a grey suit and carried white carnations. Alfred J. Petro served as the groom's best man.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Eurice Cathcart, organist. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors, punch and cake was served.

Mrs. E. G. Ruffner of Plattsmouth, mother of the groom, attended the wedding.

After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home at the Dowton Ranch near Pamona.

**G. E. McDonalds
To Hold Open
House Jan. 9**

ELMWOOD (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McDonald of Elmwood, Nebr., will hold open house in their Elmwood home on Sunday, January 9.

Their friends, relatives and patrons are invited to call between the hours of two to five in the afternoon, and seven and nine in the evening. No further invitation is necessary.

Mr. McDonald retired on December 31, 1954, after 35½ years in mail carrier service.

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Golden Wedding Observed



Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Miller are pictured here during a recent observance of their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Elmwood. All five of their children were present for the occasion, the first time the entire group had been together for 12 years. (Photo by V. G. "Bud" Clements).

**Grandson Leaves
For Wash. D. C.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Vallery entertained Mr. and Mrs. Burt Davis, daughter Sandra, and son Jim of Wayne, Nebr. over New Year's. Jim boarded a plane to Washington, D. C. New Year's afternoon, enroute to Annapolis, Md., where he is studying. While in Washington, D. C. Jim will be an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Livingston and family. Mr. Livingston is the son of Mrs. Lillian Livingston of this city.

Jim Davis is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Vallery.

E. E. Grunwald, superintendent of schools at Sturgis, S. D. and Walter Grunwald of Greeley, Nebr. were house guests the past week at the R. J. Gunwald home at Union.

**Alkire - Doody
Wedding Jan. 8**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Rebal announce the forth coming marriage of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Lieut. James L. Doody, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Doody on Saturday, January 8, at St. John's Church.

**Christmas Program
At Methodist Church
Was Well Attended**

The First Methodist church was well attended for the Christmas Eve program of "Oh Worship The King." Prelude of selected Christmas music was played by Michael Shellenbarger. Candle lighters were Jim Shown and Keener Price.

The church school presented "Oh Worship The King." Throughout the program the emphasis was upon the message, and it was prayerfully used with worship services demonstrated that the Christ Child lives in our midst.

Warren Lillie and John Elliott were in charge of the spot light, which was very effectively used, to help unify the program and emphasizing the proper parts, and with the candle light service helped maintain the atmosphere of worship.

Cherub Choir, "With Gladness of Heart," directed by Carol Davis. Speech Choir, Warren McMillian, Marlene Johnson and Marcia McQuin, a solo "Oh How Shall I Receive Thee" by Nancy Land. Reader by Mrs. Nita Campbell. Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Johnson, presented "As With The Gladness Men of Old." "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" with Linda Brittain, Roger Hutchinson and Judy Lancaster.

Tableau of manger scene and shepherds, with Carolyn Walton as Mary, Orval Hudson as Joseph, Ken Peitchard, Ronny Grant and Larry Walton as Shepherds. Christmas Gospel by Marlene Svoboda, Karlene Senf, Sandra Parriott, Sharon Daniels and Kay Smith.

Solo "We Three King of Orient Are" by Terry Ernst.

Wise men, Eddie Lancaster, Ronny Grant and Tommy Shown. "Away in a Manger," Patty Campbell, Michael Kief, Rosetta Raines and Billy Risher. "Little Givers," Marcia McQuin. "By Walking In His Steps," Diana Larsen, Linda Senf and Art Raines. "In Heaven Forever," Linda Graves, Pat Wiater and Jane Nelson.

Ladies from W. S. C. S. served coffee and Christmas cookies from a lace covered table centered with Christmas greenery. The program was under the direction of Mrs. James Cook.

**Forty - Niners
Elect Officers**

The Pleasant Ridge 49ers met at the home of Tom Grosshans, Jan. 1, 1955.

They elected officers and leaders. Those elected were: Jim Grosshans, president; Fred Meisinger, vice-president; Mary Sullivan, secretary; and Denis Todd, news reporter. Our leader will be Sterling Ingwersen and assistant leader, Ralph Wehrbein.

Refreshments were brought in by the members.

The next meeting will be at Harold Gregg's residence. Denis Todd, reporter.

**Snell Returns
To Afghanistan**

Leonard J. Snell, husband of the former Helen V. Price, begins his return trip to Afghanistan on Tuesday. He has been visiting in Plattsmouth with his wife and in Crystal Falls, Michigan, with his mother, since his return to the United States on leave in October.

Snell, a hydraulic engineer with the Water Resources Division of the U. S. Geological Survey spent two years in Afghanistan with the Technical Cooperation Administration on water investigations and training of Afghans in such work. Mrs. Snell was with him during part of that period.

The water investigations in Afghanistan (which is a country about the area of France, located between the U. S. S. R., Pakistan, and Iran, with a few miles also bordering on Sinkiang Province of China) are mainly in connection with present and proposed irrigation developments.

He is returning for a period of at least one year and will travel by air via the Pacific with one or two-day stop-overs at Manila, Hongkong, Bangkok, and Delhi.

Mrs. Snell will remain in Plattsmouth until spring.

SKIP-A-YEAR

The Navy has disclosed its plan to skip one year—probably 1957—in its carrier-a-year construction program, in order to have time to review the lessons learned about the Forrestal-class vessels.

**Henry - Smithson
Engagement Told**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henry announce the engagement of their daughter, Joann Marie to Joseph Smithson of Shelbyville, Tennessee. Miss Henry is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school, and is employed in Omaha.



Joann Marie Henry

Mr. Smithson has completed four years with the armed forces and is employed with a dredging company.

No definite date has been set for the wedding.

SALES UP

According to a monthly survey by the Bureau of the Census of about 1,800 representative retail concerns operating some 37,000 stores, practically every division of retailing showed gains in November over the same month in 1953. Department store sales showed a sharp pick-up rising to \$1,025,000,000 from \$923,000,000 in October, and \$962,000,000 in November, a year ago.

—Journal Want Ads Pay—

**Perry - Sprieck
Engagement Told**

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walker Perry, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ellen to Raymond Edward Sprieck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sprieck of Murray. The marriage will take place in the early summer.

NEW SECRETARY

President Eisenhower has announced that he would name George V. Allen, the Ambassador to India, as Assistant Sec-

retary of State for Near-Eastern, South Asian and African affairs. Mr. Allen will succeed Henry A. Byroad, who will become Ambassador to Egypt, replacing Jefferson Caffery, who is retiring.

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