

SOUTH ASHLAND

Mrs. Ivan Armstrong Phone 1502

Mrs. Henry Timm and Miss Darlene returned home Friday evening after a three week auto trip to California going out the southern route and returning home over the northern. While in California they visited Mrs. Timms sister-in-law, Mrs. George Hessheimer in Los Angeles and went sightseeing from there. They spent one day in Catalina Island.

Henry Fisser of Lincoln was an all day Monday guest of his sister, Mrs. Henry Klipp and Mr. Klipp.

John Gustafson returned home from the hospital Saturday after quite a stay there. He is now resting in bed at home and will not be able to have callers for a few days but will be glad to have his friends call after that.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Veale of Ottawa, Ill., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Veale's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parks.

Mrs. Parks sister, Mrs. Elsie Kelly of Greenwood was also a guest at the Parks home a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman were hosts at a steak fry at their home Monday evening honoring Andrew Walradt of Omaha on his birthday. Other guests were Mrs. Walradt, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Storzbach of Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Marolf of Greenwood and Mrs. L. J. Walradt. The group had attended the Memorial day dinner at the Legion hall in Greenwood earlier that day.

Mrs. Beryl Keetle, Alan and Donna Jean, attended a birthday celebration for Jean Seabek on her fourth birthday at the Don Seabek home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Liggit and Susan came from New Haven, Conn., Thursday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson, met her at the airport in Omaha that

morning. She will spend a part of the summer here and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Liggit, Sr., in Omaha. Mrs. Jack Walters and children of Havelock were Monday afternoon guests at the Ray Bower home. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stiekney and family were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bower.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jones and family went to Wabash Saturday evening where they joined a group of relatives to help Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Lawrence Earl and Mr. Earl celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary.

Attend Wedding
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Simpson went to Falls City Saturday where they attended the wedding of their nephew, Donald Simpson and Mary Elizabeth Helzer at St. Peter's Catholic church. There were 300 guests in attendance.

South Ashland
Douglas Williams accompanied the Murdock Merry Milkmen Dairy 4-H club on an excursion trip to Lincoln Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brauckmuller of Gardner, S. D., were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Henry Timm and Darlene, and Mr. and Mrs. George Planer.

Virginia and Patty Ann Felker, Beverly, Billy and Neal Baack, Kathryn and Jimmy Bond are attending Bible school at the Methodist church in Ashland. Marjorie and Dickie Jones, Bobby, Linda and Sally Long and Sarah Humston attended the E. U. B. Bible school in Murdock. Their picnic and program was held at Murdock Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westlake and family of Eagle were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg and family. They were celebrating Mr. Westlake's birthday.

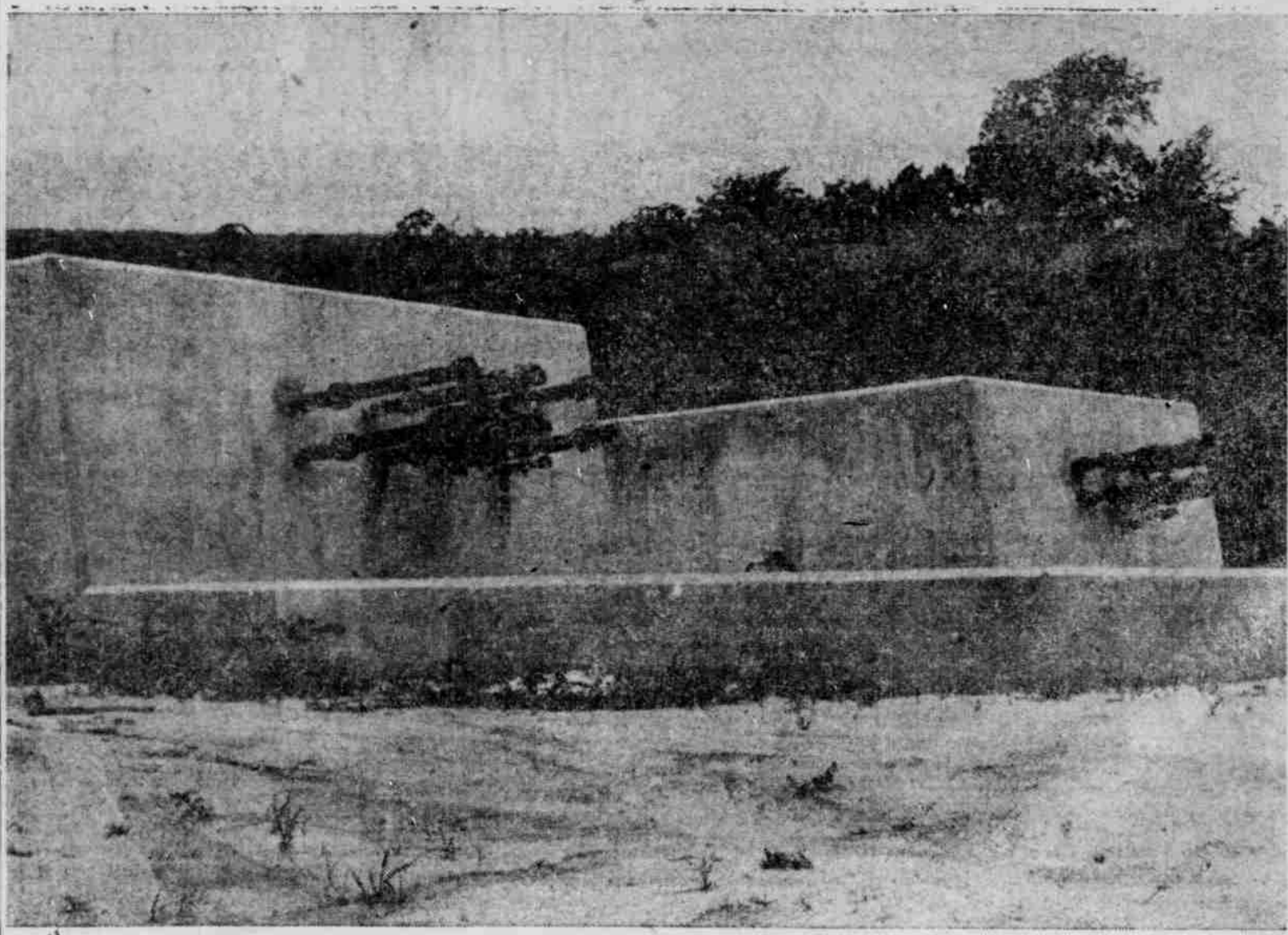
Mrs. George Bornman and Mrs. Bennett Bornman went to Lincoln Wednesday afternoon and visited Ruthie Bornman at the Bryan Memorial hospital. Ruthie had fallen from a swing and broken her arm in three places. She is home again after a week stay at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jenkins and Theresa of Waverly were house guests at the Harold Buell home a part of last week.

Recent callers at the Raymond Nelson home were Mrs. Nell Simpson and Hazel Hagenbach of Wahoo.

George Mansfield of Holton, Kansas, spent Monday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield. Mrs. George Mansfield went on to Fremont where she joined her parents,

Standing Guard; Only Bolts



This sturdy fortress, on the banks of the Missouri river near Plattsmouth isn't one, no matter how much it appears to be. The guns jutting from these stone pill boxes are actually only huge bolts which will hold suspension cables to anchor Northern Natural Gas company's new gas-line bridge across the Missouri at Plattsmouth. The suspension bridge, which jumps the river on three towers, will be one of the longest of its kind. Bridge is still in the construction stage.—(Journal Photo).

Little Log Cabin

True Pioneer Story by Donald Beckman

It was in the year 1851 when Luke and Lucinda Wiles, with their nine year old son, Thomas, came down the cut-off trail, a branch of the Oregon trail, across the Missouri River Valley, and entered into the newly opened Territory of Nebraska. Luke's family had already helped push the civilization into the west. They had extended it now they must settle it.

They, like many other pioneers, were guided across the river by the giant cottonwood trees which stood several miles from the river. If the wagons stayed in line with the two trees, they wouldn't have any trouble crossing the river because the water would be shallow enough for the wagons to float across.

On the river bank was only a trading post which was a place of much activity. Not only river boats stopped here, but also the settlers on their way west by wagon.

The Wiles' decided to settle near the river because they were assured of supplies. Those living away from the river sometimes had a hard time getting supplies, especially in the winter. They purchased some land from the Indians near their cemetery, situated on the main trail now being well traveled. Chief Kirkwood was the principle chief. Mr. Wiles offered the Indians gold. Although they knew nothing about it, they took gold and moved off of the land. The Indians had their village near the cemetery, they were root farmers. There were also many Indians living along the river.

Luke and Thomas chopped trees from the nearby forest and built a cabin 14 x 16. Later they added a lean-to which they lived in. In part of the cabin they operated a store-hotel. Luke hauled supplies up from St. Joseph in a wagon to sell to the settlers going to California. This took as long as two months to make.

The U. S. Stage Coach and Pony Express, both having regular schedules, stopped at the cabins to change horses. There were usually from ten to twelve passengers staying over for the night.

The Overland Route carried supplies to those living away from the river. When the railroad came through it killed the overland business.

Late in the fall of 1854, the Indians living along the banks of the Missouri burned their village and went over near the Wiles' homestead to live for the winter.

The year after they came to Nebraska, Thomas and Luke split the rails and fenced in thirty acres of prairie land. They raised their first crops of wheat in the year 1856, the fenced in thirty being put to corn.

Later Mr. Wiles hired the Indians who sold him the land to build a fence around more of the land. Kirkwood is who he dealt with. He was also to be the foreman. The two men made an agreement as to how much the Indians would be paid for doing the job. The Indians went to work. For days they worked hard chopping and building and fitting together. The fence was finally done. When Luke went to settle up with the Indians, they decided they weren't getting enough (although they didn't know anything about money). They took the money anyway and went off very unsatisfied. That night the family heard a terrible noise, they knew what was happening. The next morning they went out to find the fence torn down and all of the logs laying in one big pile. Luke went down to the Indian camp and talked to the Chief. Shaking his finger at him he said crossly: "We made an agreement on the price to be paid your men for building that fence. They took the money and then came back and tore down the fence. Now, I want that fence put back up." The next morning the fence was back up.

It was in 1856-57 that many rumors were started that there were Indian raids along the four-mile-eight mile-Weeping Water Creeks. None of these ever materialized. Everyone was on the watch out though. One of the worst Indian battles ever to take place in the west between Indian Tribes was fought on the banks of the Weeping Water between the Omahas and the Otoes.

The Indians lived on river and creek banks because they used the water for travel. There are usually lots of trees along creek and river banks. In the pioneer days they, both Indian and White, used the wood for many things, mostly to keep warm. The Indians burnt out the logs and made fine boats.

During the hard winter of 1855-56, it was bitterly cold. One of the worst winters known to either White Man or Indian. The snow lay four foot deep on the level and had drifted to several times that depth in many places. The prairie was impassible for many weeks, the river was frozen over with many inches of ice. During that winter Luke and a neighbor Andrew Stain killed fifty-six deer. In the spring they took the frozen hind quarters and skins to St. Joseph where they were traded for supplies.

It was bitterly cold that night, the wind was blowing hard against the cabin and the snow already deep, was coming down

ward to make a blinding blizzard. The door was rattling, almost coming open. Luke thought he heard someone knocking. He got up from the fire side where he was reading. Mrs. Wiles was hard at work at her spinning wheel. Thomas, getting a home caution, was studying by candle-light. Luke and Lincoln

When Luke opened the door he was met by a whole tribe of Indians, men, women, and children. They had very few clothes on. He couldn't turn them away on a night like this. He told them to come on in and sleep where ever they could find room. They laid here and there all spread out. The family didn't sleep that night, they were to busy watching the Indians who seemed to be resting very peacefully.

In the middle of the night one of the babies began to cry. The squaw picked him up, opened the door, and threw the baby out in the cold, right into a deep snow bank. She came back in and started to lay back down.

This made Luke very mad. He said to the squaw motioning, "You go get baby or baby come in and squaw go out." The squaw looked at him like she could have killed him but went out and got the baby. The tiny little baby never whimpered the rest of the night because it was so scared.

More settlers came west and the family became more busy. The flood of people flowed in to the west to claim homesteads. Some who stopped at the store went on to Oregon and California.

The crossing of the prairie was hard because it was the hunting ground of many tribes of Indians who were on the war path, killing settlers who took away their hunting grounds to plow and build fences on.

In May 1856, 2,300 wagons passed the Wiles' homestead. The trail was now wide, the rut deep, making one of the best highways into the west. To help the wagon trains across the river, a ferry boat was built. More wagons could get across faster. This service didn't last long because it struck a snag in the middle of the river and went down.

As new settlers began coming west, claim jumping became a common practice. Lawless men came into the territory and left only when men got together and drove them out. Some of these men in this part of the country were the Johnson men and a man named Kelley. A Vigilance committee was formed, and were going to send these men, and others, down the river. These

men, finding this out, came to Luke and begged him to intercede for them, promising to reform and leave the country.

Luke, out of sympathy for the women of the family who seemed to be nice people, went on board the boat and talked with the man on the committee but they would not agree to release the lawless men. Luke left the boat which went down river. When it returned the men were not in evidence.

After several years in Nebraska Luke and Lucinda moved back into Iowa, tired of the hardships of the American Frontier. Thomas, then a very young man, was left to farm the homestead and live in the Little Log Cabin.

It is said that these men were made to float on boulders of ice found in the river and were drowned however this is not authentic.

Grain Testing Air Examinations Open

Civil Service examinations for grain testing aid positions are announced by the Board of Civil Service Examiners for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Lincoln.

Appointments from these examinations will be with the Commodity Stabilization Service in the States of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Starting salary for the GS-3 grade is \$2950 per year and for the GS-4 grade is \$3175. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62, except that age limits do not apply to persons entitled to veteran preference. Qualification requirements are detailed in the examination announcement.

To file, send Card Form 5000-AB to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Room 604, Rudge and Guelzel Building, 134 South 12th Street, Lincoln. This form may be obtained from any post office.

ANTI-TRUST SUITS

The Justice Department has filed an anti-trust suit against six major publishing and advertising associations, charging violations in the placing of national advertising in newspapers and magazines. The complaint charges a conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce, alleging that the various associations had agreed upon uniform practices in connection with the placing of national advertising in printed media. Several of the press units have denied violations.

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Breyer Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. George Gade, George, Jr., and Robert, with a group of other relatives went to the Henry Breyer home Friday evening where they celebrated Mrs. Breyer's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williamson, Connie and Gary of Plattsmouth spent Sunday at the Oliver Felker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell and Raymond were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Skogg in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moller of Ashland were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gade and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erickson went to Omaha Monday evening where they met their sister and daughter, Mrs. Arnold Weed and Billy of Gooding, Idaho, who will visit here for a few weeks.

Armstrong Note 40th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Armstrong observed their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday. Their three daughters, Mrs. Harold Shaw and little sons, Ivan, and Lloyd of Haven, Kans., Mrs. Lloyd DeFreese, Mr. DeFreese and family of Cairo and Mrs. Willis James, Mr. James and family of Grand Island came to help them celebrate. Mr. Armstrong's sister, Mrs. Pearl Norris of Haxtum, Colo., and his aunt, Mrs. Rose Hart, also of Haxtum joined the group for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dean of Memphis were evening guests at the Armstrong home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis James, Margaret, Tom and Lynn went to Peru Sunday evening where they will spend the summer. Mrs. James will attend P. S. T. C. there and the children will enroll at T. J. Majors training school.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roeber were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mooney of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mooney of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roeber and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roeber and sons. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mooney and family of Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mooney.

Court House

Marriage licenses issued: To Willard Garner, 39, Louisville, and Alice Jayne Grosshans, 32, Plattsmouth.

To John Lee Carper, 19, Murray, and Shirley Ann Story, 17, Plattsmouth.

County court: Kenneth Meisinger, Louisville, \$15 and \$4 costs, speeding. Jerry McKinstry, Weeping Water, \$5 and \$4 costs, improper muffler.

Norman Alley, Ashland, \$10 and \$4 costs, failure to stop at stop sign. Leonard Damm, Elk Creek, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding. Roy C. Anderson, Moline, Ill., \$11 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Curt Joseph Saurer, Detroit Mich., \$16 and \$4 costs, speeding. Charles O. Slaby, Wichita, Kans., \$11 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Donald E. Kindberg, Omaha, \$1 and \$4 costs, no operators license. Donald E. Conyers, Plattsmouth, \$1 and \$4 costs, no operators license.

Dorothy Goff, Louisville, \$10 and \$4 costs, failure to stop at stop sign. Charles G. Windrum, Lincoln, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Roy D. Hartzell, of Stella, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding. George I. Darst, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Ed Bradley and Sons, Omaha, \$10 and \$4 costs, improper use of local plates.

MURDOCK
Mrs. Florence McDonald
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Bible school closed last Friday with the annual picnic, which was very well attended. A program was given in the afternoon at the church basement.

In the evening a womanless wedding was presented at the school gymnasium.

Mrs. W. O. Schewe, who was taken to the hospital two weeks ago is still gravely ill.

Donald Schewe of Indianapolis, Ind., came Saturday to see his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Ed McHugh underwent surgery at the general hospital on Monday.

Mrs. Everett Lindell was taken to the Syracuse hospital late Monday evening.

On Sunday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stock was the scene of a 25th wedding anniversary in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Lincoln. There were about 30 relatives present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harms and children of Aurora, Ill., who have been visiting relatives here for 10 days, left Sunday evening for their home.

Robert Litchenburger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Litchenburger, underwent surgery at the Lynch hospital at Fairbury on Monday.

Carl Buck of Lincoln spent Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buck.

Mrs. Elsa Hornbeck left Tuesday for Jefferson, Iowa, where she will visit friends for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKee and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schlegel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKee by having a buffet dinner for relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. John Amgwert left Lincoln Sunday evening for California where they will visit relatives for 10 days to two weeks.

Those attending the Kuehn-Rosenow picnic at Beatrice from Murdock were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenow and Willard, Mrs. Martha Thimgan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stock.

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