SORGHUM GROWING CHAMPS — The Woitzl Brothers of Greenwood (above) were named the county sorghum growing champions at a recent banquet. The brothers had the high yield of 7,136.18 pounds per acre for Cass County in the 1959 National Selected Five Acre DeKalb Dryland Sorghum Growing Contest.

# SOUTH ASHLAND

**Mrs. Ivan Armstrong**

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Krecklow of Lincoln are parents of a son, Michael Lee, born April 27 at Bryan Memorial hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 10½ oz. His mother is the former Janice Ann Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rau of the South Ashland community. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Krecklow of Lincoln. Carl Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones underwent an emergency appendectomy at Bryan Memorial hospital Sunday evening, his parents spent the evening with him, he is doing nicely now.

Mrs. E. E. Odell attended a Circle meeting and luncheon at the Hill Top in Omaha Thursday. She spent the remainder of the week with relatives and friends in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox attended the funeral service for Fred Berggren in Wahoo Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gakemeier and family of Minneapolis, Minn. were house guests of Mr. Gakemeier's sister Mrs. Leonard Roeber, Mr. Roeber and sons, last week. A family dinner was held in their honor at the Roeber home Sunday, other guests were Mrs. Wilbur Sutton and Nancy of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. George Vogler and Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cordes and daughters of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vogler and Leslie of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gakemeier and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Yardley and family of Ashland.

Mrs. Melvin Sturm returned home Thursday evening after a two weeks stay at the home of her son Jim Sturm and family in Sioux City caring for the children while their mother was hospitalzed. Mrs. Gibert Fornoff of Nehawka was a Friday lunch guest of Mrs. Sturm.


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# Greenwood

**Mrs. Frank Hurlbut**
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Grace Circle met Tuesday at the Methodist Church with Mrs. Elmer Leadabrand and Mrs. Delmar Condon as hostesses. Mrs. James Voehl gave the lesson.

Dorcas society met Friday at the Christian Church with Mrs. Roy Reighard as hostess. Mrs. Reighard also gave the devotions.

Ten members of the Eastern Star chapter visited the Myrtle chapter in Lincoln Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Norma McNurlin returned home Saturday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. George Brandes who was a patient in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell and Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. John Grady and Colleen attended the Shrine circus in Lincoln Thursday evening to help Colleen celebrate her 10th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Turley Wall visited with Mrs. Wall's sister Mrs. Joe Kipper and brother William Smith in Lincoln Sunday afternoon and called on Mr. Wall's cousin, Mrs. George Peckem Sunday eveining. Mrs. Kipper had just returned home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston and Terry of Omaha called on Mrs. Ted Bulling and new baby at the C. W. Osburn home, Friday. Mrs. Johnston is the former Donna Lamb of Greenwood.

Watson Coleman of Lincoln called on Mr. and Mrs. Niler Coleman Saturday.

Mrs. Gladys Martin and Miss Alice Baucher attended the funeral of Mrs. Gertrude Steadley Monday at Waverly.

Mrs. Joe Kyles spent from Wednesday to Saturday at the Wayne Kinney home of Alvo. Mrs. Kyles accompanied Mrs. Kinney to a miscellaneous shower in Alvo one day.

Mrs. Mildred Comstock's nephew Wilson Pearman and son Ray and Mrs. Katherine Krane of Mullen spent Friday and Saturday at her home. Frank Comstock took them to Omaha where Ray took part in the World Herald spelling contest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brakhage were Sunday afternoon callers at the Ken Carpenter home.

Sunday afternoon visitors at the LeRoy Haertel home were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fischer of Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Haertel and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hardnock of Alvo Sunday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. N. D. Talcott and Mrs. Sally Iden were Mrs. Nette McDonald and Mrs. Mabel Lambert.

Mrs. Nettie McDonald returned to her home here Friday after spending past several months with relatives at Grays Lake, Ill.

Mary Wright spent the weekend with Judy Leesley at Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Abbott called on Mrs. Margaret Meyers Sunday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of Miss Alice Boucher were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hall and Marilyn and Mrs. Gladys Martin.

Sunday evening callers on Miss Alice Boucher were Mrs. Glen Boller, Mrs. Ilene Radenslaben and Mrs. Ed Stradley.

Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boller and family were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grybsky and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schuelke of Fremont.

Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmquist were Mr. Palmquist sister, Mrs. Frieda Betz and Mr. and Mrs. John Erick of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Betz of Shenandoah, Iowa.

Mrs. Richard Vinson and Mrs. Earl Stradley spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Pershing.

Mrs. Clara Pershing was Saturday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robinson and family of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott and Doris of Lincoln spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Abbott.

Thursday afternoon visitors with Mrs. N. D. Talcott and Mrs. Sally Iden were Mrs. Pearl Hackney of Bridgepost and Mrs. Doshie Woodford of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Platt and Joyce spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grady.

Orville Sandy spent Friday night, Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Nelson in Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards of Ashland were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. Sandy.

Sunday company of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Love and Leroy were Mrs. Pete Roth and Mrs. John Lape of Papillion, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roth, Mike, Maryalice, Mitchelle and Mark of South Omaha, and Mr. Glenn Love and Betty of Louisville.

Mrs. Nettie Core of Stanton is spending several weeks with Mrs. Grace Walradt.

CORN YIELD AWARD WINNERS — William Gilmour of Plattsmouth (not pictured) was named a county corn growing champion at a recent banquet. Gilmour had the high yield of 119.30 bushels per acre for Cass County in the 1959 National Selected 5 Acre Dryland DeKalb Corn Growing Contest. The runner-up champion for the county was David Eaton of Union (left) who had a yield of 107.94. Marion F. Wulf of Eagle (right) ranked as the third place winner for his production of a 93.63 bushels per acre yield.

# Board of Control To Be Topic Of Debate for Legislature

By Melvin Paul
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN — The Board of Control and its function will likely be the subject of considerable debate in the coming session of the Legislature.

The lawmakers convene in January, but a committee of state senators has already touched on the matter.

It is the group studying penal affairs, headed by Sen. David Tews of Norfolk.

State Penitentiary Warden Maurice Sigler, Gov. Ralph G. Brooks and Atty. Gen. C. S. Beck have all expressed dissatisfaction with the current State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Sigler said the board is made up of the three highest elected officials — governor, attorney general and secretary of state—and these men do not have the time to spend on cases.

"I think this is a full-time job," the warden commented.

Secondly, he told the committee, there is a chance for personalities to enter into which inmates are recommended to the parole board for hearing.

Gov. Brooks and Beck, both members of the board, feel the state should create a State Board of Corrections and Parole, composed of men with the technical qualifications to handle such work.

Additionally, Beck and Brooks said they feel that the present Board of Control system should be abolished in favor of directors over the various areas that now come under jurisdiction of the board.

Sigler also called for a law requiring automatic review of prisoners for paroles and higher pay scales for guards at the penitentiary.

He said there should be in Nebraska also a reception center at which persons sentenced after being convicted of crimes could be studied and assigned to the institution which could best help them.

**Highway Maps**

Nebraska's Interstate highway, the subject of much controversy since it came upon the scene, will appear on official highway maps.

The State Highway Department says official maps to come out June 1 will show the interstate sections that are completed and those that are under construction.

**Road Work**

Acting State Engineer John Hossack reports that work was done on 144 miles of Nebraska highway during the first three months of this year.

Hossack said projects cost $11.5 million with 10 miles of road and $6.6 million on the interstate, 59.7 miles and $2.3 million on the primary system and 74.4 miles and $2.4 million on the secondary road network.

The acting engineer also summed up what is planned for the current three-month period.

He said contracts will be awarded for 148 miles of road costing an estimated $16.6 million, of which 13.6 miles and $6.6 million will be on the interstate, 55.1 miles and $6.8 million on the primary network and $3 million and 79.3 miles on secondary roads.

Hossack says Nebraska has 26 miles of inetrstate Highway complete and open to traffic, but that includes 13 miles of two-lane road near Kimball.

Another 40 miles is under contract, he said.

**Tax Proposal**

The battle is on again to do away with Nebraska's property tax system for supporting state government.

A group has been formed to promote eight Constitutional amendments passed by the last Legislature and to circulate petitions to put up to voters in November whether they want to do this:

—Abolish the state's property tax.

—Substitute a 2 per cent maximum retail sales tax and an income tax with a maximum of 4 per cent on an individual or company's net income.

—Repeal the tax on intangible property, such as cash, and stocks and bonds.

Provide a $2,000 exception for every taxpayer on household goods subject to local taxation.

For the past 20 years there has been one type of movement or another to try to get rid of the property tax as the only means of raising the bulk of the revenue for state government. All attempts have fizzled.

Only Nebraska, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Texas among the states do not have either a general sales or income tax.

There has been considerable opposition in the past to a sales tax along Nebraska borders and from organized labor who say it will penalize the working man who must spend most of his income for living expenses.

Bills have been introduced in the Legislature every session since 1943 but have failed after wrangling over makeup of the legislation and what exemptions should be allowed. There is expected to be considerable scrapping over this issue this year before it is resolved.

Petitions backers must get the required 42,000-plus valid names to Secretary of State Frank Marsh's office before the July 7 deadline in order to put the question on the November ballot.

It is anticipated by backers that a sales and income tax would produce about $52 million per year for state government. Details of the new tax program would be left for the legislature.

**Governor Edmund Brown**, of California, commenting on Senator John Kennedy's (D.-Mass.) decision not to run in the California primary:

"I think it is based on his respect for the unity and responsibility of the party here, and his belief that we are, in fact, buildng a broadly based delegation which will give equal and fair consideration to all."


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# Union Items

**Mrs. L. G. Todd**
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Mrs. George Martin attended a Presidents Tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Neal Gomon, at Peru last Sunday afternoon, given for the graduate teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Griffin entertained the following guests at their home last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osborn and daughters of Anthon, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schantz and Robin Rae McKelvey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Terryberry and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Arnold all of Lincoln, Mrs. Frances Thoren and Charlene of Weeping Water and Mrs. Lester Shoemaker of Union.

It was a happy event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frans last Sunday afternoon, when their son James Frans and wife and two little granddaughters of Milford, Nebr. came to spend the afternoon and evening with them.

Twenty of the members of the Union War Dads and Auxiliary ladies, attended a "Pot Luck Luncheon" at one o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karlin at Fremont last Sunday. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Balfour, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roddy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gobelman, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. John Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beccard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zorn, Mrs. Nellie Patterson, Mrs. Roy Mullis, Mrs. Kathryn Harrah and Mr. C. E. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Midkiff moved to Weeping Water last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McQuin and son Johnny of Bellevue, and Mrs. L. B. Mougey drove to Nebraska City last Sunday, where they enjoyed the noon day meal at the Steinhart Park Lodge.

Mrs. Fred Cotes of Beatrice and Mrs. Dale Coates of Omaha were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hostetter and family.

Castorbeans, known and used by man since biblical times, are being considered as a new crop for Nebraska. Castorbeans are grown for high quality oil used in a variety of manufactured paint, plastic, lubricants, drug and cosmetic products. In Nebraska, the date of planting should coincide with corn planting—usually between May 1 and May 20. In most years, yields of castorbeans in the state are substantially by irrigation.

## WSCS Meets at Union Church

UNION (Special) — Twenty-five members of the WSCS met at the church last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Cross conducted the prayer service and devotions.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. George Stine, Mrs. Robert Grunwald acted as secretary pro-tem.

Several members gave reports of the District convention, held in Omaha recently. An invitation from the ladies missionary Society of the Baptist church was read by the president. The Methodist Society ladies were asked to be guests May 11 at 1:30 o'clock at a luncheon at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ivan Balfour gave an interesting lesson on "The Gospel of Love." Scripture verses on "Love" were read by the group.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Herman Comer and Mrs. Abe Exline.

## Mrs. Freeman's Pianists Play

WEEPING WATER (Special) —Mrs. Raymond Freeman presented her pupils in a pin up recital May 1 in the Methodist church parlors. A large crowd attended. The church was decorated with spring flowers.

The following played: Suzanne King, Debra Roberts, Carol Sue Upton, Kathy Jo Wade, Judy Lee, Marcia Mogensen, Mary Ann Kassube, Dorothy Lynn Parson, Charlotte Hoffman, Tommy Kassube, Carolyn Bruns, Sandra Baker, Paula Rae Freeman, Susan Steckley, Janice Kassube, Loretta Harter, Dianne Ratliff, Geraldine Taylor, Susan Root and Mrs. Freeman.

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## Happy Hearts 4-H Club Has Meeting

EAGLE (Special)—The Happy Hearts 4-H Club members met at Trudy McCoy's home. A discussion on "Adding beauty to your Home" was given by Olive Westlake. Trudy McCoy and Janice Doran gave a demonstration on "Making Waste Baskets." Each member who took "Grooming Your Room" project brought their waste baskets to be judged by the members for their particular uses. Trudy and her mother served a delicious lunch — reporter, Vicki Halvorsen.

## Cubs Meet at Weeping Water

WEEPING WATER (Special) — The Cub Scouts held their pack meeting on Wednesday evening in the American Legion Hall.

Sigvald Jensen, Scoutmaster, announced the winners of the kite flying contest—John Cappen, John Parson, Robbie King and Bert Marshall. They got cash prizes.

The following were presented awards:

Bear badge, gold and silver arrow, Robert Cooper; wolf badge, gold arrow, David Friesell; two silver arrows, Tommy Kunz; service stars to Billy Saxton, Robert Cooper, Steve Heneger, Billy Dettmer.

Billy Dettmer was also presented with his Webelos badge and given a Scout knife. Michael Saxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saxton, became a new member.

The Scouts welcomed back Timmy Wade to the pack as he and his family had moved back to Weeping Water.

The kitchen committee were Mrs. Edward Van Horn and Mrs. Willard Wipf.


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