

MURRAY NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sack and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bell and children all of Murray, helped Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spangler of Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Sack of Omaha to celebrate their wedding anniversaries Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Sack of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Tilson and boys of Plattsmouth were Saturday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Farris and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sayers of Grand Island were weekend guests of Mrs. Sayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bell and

Wendy and Mr. Sayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sayers and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Farris were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Farris.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schroeder of Burlington Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Curtright of Plattsmouth were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell.

The following will be on the ballot for the Murray School Board: Dale Wohlfarth, Frank Fitzpatrick, George Minford, and Olin Morris. Election will be held April 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Royd Schlingly of Lincoln were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rogers. Other callers during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Merile Rogers and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rogers and family.

The Homebuilders Class of the Murray Christian Church held a supper at the church Sunday evening. Following supper games were enjoyed. Hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gruber, Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keil of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sack and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merile Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buffington and girls were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Tilson and boys of Plattsmouth.

Mr. John Stones and Mrs. Bob Spangler attended a Stanley Party at the home of Mrs. Albert Scudder of Nebraska City on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scudder of Nebraska City were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spangler.

The Murray Camp Fire Girls met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick, Monday evening. The group hemmed diapers, made favors for St. Patrick's Day, and discussed making scrap books for the retarded children's home at Nebraska City. Trudy Tims served refreshments.

A surprise party was held Friday evening at the Harold Sayers home for their son, Charles, who left Omaha Monday for basic training in the Navy at San Diego. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gerdes of Union, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sayers of Grand Island, Nebraska, Bill Rinker, Dale Baker, Mike Brink, Dan Schultz, John Chudy all of Plattsmouth, Jack and Joe Timm, Theodore Emmett, Olin Redden, Dean Goodkil, Bill Farris, Orville Albers, Ginger



SCENE FROM THE 1880'S—Shown above is an 80-year-old photograph of part of Elmwood's main street. James Greene, founder of Greene's Drug Store, stands at the hitching rack, "Young" Ralph Greene is with him and an older brother sits on hitching rack at extreme right. Black streaks on the picture reproduction are from wrinkles in the old photograph.

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-Greene's

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As he says, "I was a little boy in knee pants playing marbles in Elmwood while it all happened."

Mr. Greene's mother was a milliner. He recalls one Easter morning when he got up before breakfast to deliver 22 leghorn hats to little girls ready to leave for Sunday School. (A leghorn hat is a hat for little girls made of very fine straw.)

When the Greene's first came to Elmwood it was right after the post office had been moved from an Elm Grove on Stove Creek northeast of the present village. The closest Post Office was Bushberry which had a store, post office and doctor.

Other schools were the Stove Creek School just east of the present town and Sodom College or the Woodpecker School which stood north of town.

After Dr. N. R. Hobbs, John Clements, and C. D. Clapp persuaded the railroad men to build up along Stove Creek instead of following the Weeping Water, Elmwood saw boom days and many new businesses.

At one time there were 3 General Merchandise stores in town. The building and the equipment for the Elmwood Mill was brought on the train flatcars from Weeping Water. Mr. Greene recalls that on the Fourth of July the mill gave out miniature sacks of flour and noisemakers.

Other businesses thrived too. There were 3 drug stores, 2 banks, 2 hardware stores, 2 blacksmiths, 2 or 3 doctors, 2 harness shops, 2 livery barns, 2 elevators, 2 lumberyards, 2 hotels, 2 millinery shops, a furniture store, 2 implement stores, a boarding house, a dentist most of the time, and a population of nearly 900.

Among the early businessmen were Edwin Jeary of the State Bank, Rudger and Arends (General Merchandise), Dick Smith (hardware), L. F. Langhorne, Dickson, Edwards and Bradford John Clements, and Silas Green-slate. W. E. Rosenkrans ran the first barber shop.

At that time Elmwood was the third largest town in Cass County.

The west end of town housed the county fair for many years. The first 2 years, 1893 and 1894, the fair was held at the "new" school, a frame building of four rooms erected the year before.

Later the town built a grandstand, barns and racetrack for the fair events on the west side of town.

One of the major events of Mr. Greene's childhood was when the Ringling Bros. Circus wagons pulled into town. The circus parade would march the entire length of Main Street, turn west and come back around with both sides of the street lined with people. The Taylor Circus also made frequent stops at Elmwood.

It was Dr. N. R. Hobbs who built the old Opera House. There was a stage upstairs and a fine dance floor. As many as 10 or 12 home talent plays would show there each year, and many other entertainers performed. Mr. Greene recalls as one of the highlights of the Opera House's history the year Plattsmouth's Dovey girls sang there. This same group later sang before Queen Victoria of England.

In 1907 Elmwood's big 10 day Chautauqua, third largest in the state, began its 15 year run. The teachers institute was held

at the same time and every room in Elmwood was filled. Some even brought tents and camped near town. Many famous speakers and entertainers came to the Chautauqua among them Carrie Nation and William Jennings Bryan.

Mr. Greene has kept all the Chautauqua programs and in several you will find the band and orchestra pictures (what Chautauqua would be complete without them?) and among the mementos, the picture of Ralph Greene who played the clarinet.

Ralph's class (1903) helped to organize the annual association. Since then Elmwood's alumni banquets have drawn around 350 people, some of the largest crowds in the county.

The Ralph Greene's still live in their little white house just across the street from "The Elms." They live a quiet life, respected by the people who know them through the many years they have contributed to Elmwood. As one Elmwood woman put it, "Why, the Greene's are practically an institution around here!"

They are the parents of four children—three daughters, Mrs. Doris Lamb, Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Dencie Janesen, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Phyllis Shields, Los Angeles, Cal. The son James is a professor of Industrial Engineering at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Their proudest possession is their eight grandchildren.

Vest, and Dana Hoschar all of Murray.

A going away dinner was held Sunday at the Harold Sayers home for their son, Charles, who departed Monday from Omaha for basic training in the navy at San Diego, California.

Those attending were Clifford Gerdes of Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gerdes and Virgel of Union; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sayers of Grand Island, Dana Hoschar, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Sayers and Leann. Afternoon callers were Dale and Roy Baker of Plattsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Beccard and son of Union and Al Gansemer of Grand Island.

Word was received Monday from the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barr and girls who are vacationing in Pittsburgh. Karen, Cindy and Mary Beth had the flu but were fine.

Funeral Held for Orin Pitman, 17

Orin Richard Pitman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Pitman, died March 13 at his home in Omaha.

He is survived by his parents and a brother, Dan, all of Omaha.

Funeral services were held March 16 at Sholin & Hellman Mortuary in Omaha. Burial was at Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman were residents of the Murray and Plattsmouth communities for many years.

ELMWOOD NEWS

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Calendar: Lion's Club, March 26; MYF, March 25; Rebekah Lodge, March 27; Community Kensington, March 22; Christian Ladies Council, March 22.

The Elmwood Garden Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. F. M. Robb March 13; 9 members were present. The lesson on Chrysanthemums was given by Mrs. Elda Lenz. Mrs. Frank Buell read about Tuberosa Begonias. Roll call was answered by reading an article on gardening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pahl write from Salem, Ore., that they received 123 cards for their 50th anniversary and were very happy to hear from so many Nebraska friends. They have lived in Oregon many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Totman have gone to Ft. Knox for his first assignment in the army. They spent the weekend here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Totman. They also entertained guests from Denver, Mr. Lee Goodhart and Miss Len Howard.

Sunday guests at the Lester Rosenow home were the Ray Kuhlengle family of Syracuse, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oehlerking, the Charles Backemier family and Edward Rosenow.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton were hosts Sunday to all their children, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Orval Julian and daughter Claire of Plattsmouth, Neb., and from Lincoln were Mrs. Lois Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Francis and daughter, Sheila.

Sunday dinner guests at the Henry Irons home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Irons. The dinner was in honor of Ches-

Union Items

Mrs. L. C. Todd
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Mrs. Tom Pike and little daughter Pam will leave Union on Wednesday to go to Germany where they will join the husband, Tom Pike who has been stationed there for sometime.

Mrs. Lewis Mougry and son Richard, Mrs. Grace Zorn and Mrs. L. G. Todd were evening guests at the home of Mrs. Sarah Rich last Monday evening. Mrs. Rich's daughters Irene Fae and Iola Mae were celebrating their eighteenth birthday. During the evening a beautiful gift birthday cake was served with ice cream and coffee. Later a telephone call from relations in California was received, which added much joy to the Rich family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lion were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Paaseh and daughter Ellen.

Irene and Iola Rich, Barbara Chapin of Nebraska City and Mrs. Mildred Harris, as sponsor of the group, spent the weekend

at Grace Bible Institute at Omaha, as guests, and attended the annual youth conference. Over two-hundred and fifty young people attended, coming from this section and Canada.

The Baptist Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Herace Griffin last Wednesday. Mrs. Sarah Rich was last Sunday's dinner guest of Mrs. L. G. Todd.

Mrs. Robert Morton has been unable to fill her position as teacher in the Retarded Children's School at Nebraska City on account of illness. But has returned to her work this week.

Mumps have moved into several of our homes recently but this seems to be the order of the Spring (?) season. Yes, the calendar does say spring is here, we hope that will prove true. The winter has been so long and so rugged.

SWIM IN OMAHA

NEHAWKA (Special)—Robert Schlichtemeier drove to Omaha Sunday with a car of Boy Scouts.

The boys have been swimming at the Jewish Community Center to apply on their swimming merit badges. Olin Morris of Murray is the Scout leader. Others who drove cars were Robert Spangler and Morris.

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