

Cass Countyman of the Week Says:

'I Like To Do Things To Help People All I Can'

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Mrs. Ona Kunkel of Nehawka once told me, "You know a minister's house must always be open to everyone."

And so, the Kunkel house down through the years has been open to neighbors and friends, teachers and students and a long string of missionaries, foreign guests, bishops, and University Chancellors.

But to Mrs. Kunkel this has been the joy of her busy life. "I love humanity and like to do things to help people all I can," she says.

Mrs. Kunkel can well recall the warm December day in 1900 when she started her trip to Nebraska. A horse and buggy brought the Kunkels, their two small sons and an infant daughter to the station to catch the train to Lincoln.

It had begun to snow by the time they reached Lincoln, and by the time they stopped at Hastings for the night it was storming. The next morning, again on their way to their new parish, Prosser, the whole world was covered with white. Such a change in a few short hours!

The three children who grew up in the Prosser parish were Dr. Lloyd Kunkel, the only one to remain in Cass County. Dr. Gerald Kunkel of Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. Velda Zotter of Florida.

Dr. Lloyd Kunkel is well known too for his archaeological work and the fine violins he makes.

During the Kunkels' 5 years at Schickley a second daughter was born, Mrs. Lois Clement of Houston and six years later the third girl was born, Mrs. Ruth Trombla of Oklahoma City.

Mr. Kunkel retired from the Methodist ministry in 1946 but he continued to preach another three years. In 1949, the couple bought their home in Nehawka. Mr. Kunkel passed away in Dec. of 1950 but his wife has continued to live in the Nehawka home.

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Mrs. Kunkel recalled the lye making which was the first step in making the family soap supply. Ashes from the wood stove were heaped in a hopper and every day several buckets of water were poured on. The water drained into a trough under the hopper and thus formed the lye.

One of the family luxuries were the bars of glycerin soap which they bought for washing faces. It was a transparent yellowish-green soap which you could "almost read through."

Although baker's bread sold for 4 or 5c a loaf almost everyone baked their own. "Why, I

was married before I ever saw anyone come from the store with a loaf of baker's bread" Mrs. Kunkel exclaims.

The Kunkel family didn't have an easy time keeping as many as three children in college at once. Mrs. Kunkel took in boarders and did sewing to help out with the finances but in the end she could say with pride that all her children had a college education and all of them had a musical education.

Her own family troubles could never keep Mrs. Kunkel from understanding and helping with the troubles of others. Many college students, and nurses struggling to work their way through, found free rooms at the Kunkel home.

As a minister's wife, Mrs. Kunkel supplied all the flowers for the church. She now has a garden as well but says of those times, "Raising kids and flowers was enough!"

Living with a church on either side of her, Mrs. Kunkel has refused to neglect either one of them. Both congregations receive her cheerful support and summer and winter for many years she has faithfully supplied the United Brethren Church with beautiful arrangements of flowers.

Mrs. Kunkel recently celebrated her 82nd birthday but she is still young at heart. "Life is a wonderful thing to me" she says and it is easy to believe that this lively, kind Nehawka woman has done much to make life a wonderful thing to the many others who have sought friendship and found it at her door.

Mrs. Kunkel no doubt would have appeared in this column sooner but because of her youthful appearance and her activity in the community, I would never have guessed her age. Mrs. Kunkel has been a Women's Club member for 50 years and a member of PEO for 37 years. She has also belonged to the Order of Eastern Star for many years.

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Clothing Class To Start Tuesday

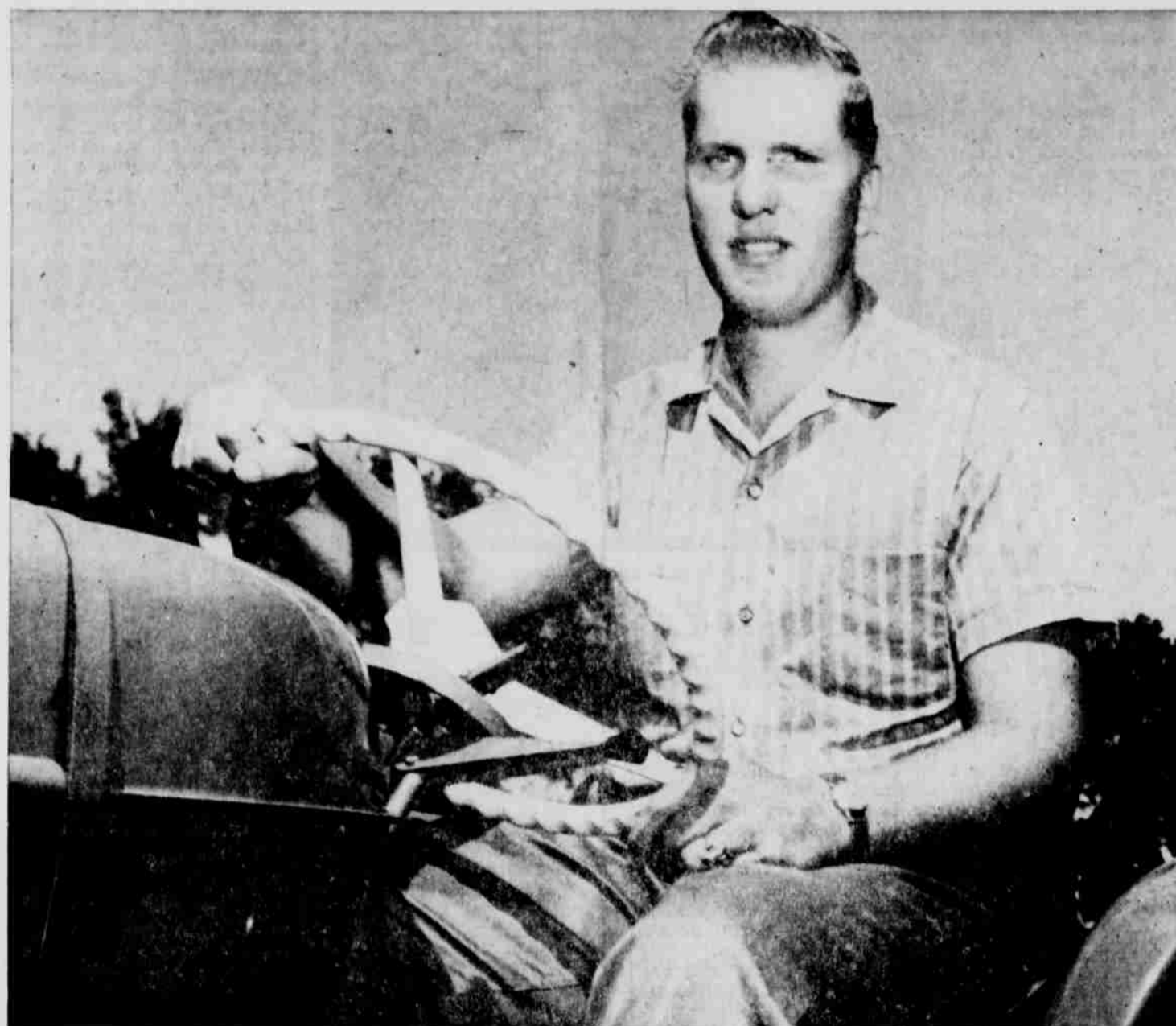
The first adult education class in Elementary Clothing Construction will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the High School Homemaking Department.

All ladies accepted for enrollment have been contacted.

Band Parents Club To Reorganize

LOUISVILLE (Special) — Bill Gilbert, band instructor of the Louisville Schools, has called for a reorganization meeting of the Band Parents Organization.

The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, at 8 o'clock in the High School home economics room.



LOUISVILLE 4-H'ER WINS STATE TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST—Ronald Puls of Louisville won the 4-H tractor driving contest at the Nebraska State Fair. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Puls. The contest site was the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. —College of Agriculture Photo.

School Signal Hit

The school traffic lights at Washington Avenue and 10th Street were inoperative today because of a traffic accident Sunday just after midnight.

Police said Raymond A. Wilkes, 19, of Plattsmouth, who was coming into town on Washington, knocked down one of the posts. Police said Wilkes said he "fell asleep at the wheel."

5 C's Are Grade A!

LOUISVILLE (Special) — The Cass County Crops Judging Team consisting of Larry and Lyle Engelkemier, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Engelkemier of Murray, Ralph Puls, son of Mrs. Earl Puls of Manley and Gene Engelkemier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Engelkemier of Louisville, won first place at the State Fair.

These boys are all members of the 5 C's 4-H Club of Cass County. Their club leaders are Lyle Schafer of Murray and Fred Meisinger of Plattsmouth. Ralph Puls has been Cass County Champion for three of the past four years, Larry Engelkemier, being the champion in 1961.

Quarters Wanted: 'Homecoming' Center Set For Carnival

According to officials of the National Gas Pipeline Company of America and the River Construction Company, a work crew of between 75 to 100 men will be working in the Plattsmouth area in the near future for a period of about 3 weeks.

These men will be looking for sleeping rooms. If you have extra rooms that you will rent to these men for a short period, you are urged by the Chamber of Commerce to either run an ad in the Journal or notify the Chamber manager.

Breakin Reported

A breakin at the Eagles Hall was reported to police here but evidently nothing was taken, Chief Fred Tesch said today.

The building was entered some time the night of Sept. 6 through a third floor window. A window pane was broken and a screen torn in the office of the Eagles Auxiliary.

Tesch said the intruder evidently stood on the roof of an adjoining building to force entrance. The rest of the building was locked he said.

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Tom Solomon Heads Fire Volunteers

The Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. held its annual election of officers Tuesday night at its monthly meeting.

Elected as president was Tom Solomon; and Ray Fuller, vice president; John Svoboda, secretary and Frank (Abe) Koubek treasurer.

The Chief's position again went to Joe Krumtorad; and Winford Dasher, 1st Assistant Chief and William Brittan, 2nd Assistant Chief.

Leo Holman, Al Huebner and Walt Bryant were elected drivers with assistant drivers being Harold Austin, John Bergman and DeWayne Freeburg.

William Allgeier was elected Department Chemical man and Fay Jose, Ladder Man.

Honored at the meeting, with certificates from the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Assn., for their long service with the Plattsmouth Department were Fred Lugsch and William Schmidtmann with 42 years in the department; Carl Schneider and Clem Woster with 31 years each; Franklin Kief, 36 years; Herb Schuetz and John V. Svoboda, 29 years each; and John Sattler, 26 years.

Fred Reichart Petitions for Commissioner

Fred T. Reichart, for the past several years an active business man in Louisville, has filed by petition as a candidate for Cass County Commissioner for the 2nd District.

Reichart is a lifelong resident of Cass County, his ancestors having settled in the "county" in 1838, which was before it was a county.

Joseph Libershal, 79, Dies Sunday; Funeral Pending

Joseph Libershal, 79, died Sunday morning, Sept. 9 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles (Patricia) Wolever, at Montrose, Colorado. He had accompanied the Wolever family to Montrose a few weeks ago for a visit. He suffered a heart attack in late August, and was hospitalized in Montrose at the time of his death.

He was born April 6, 1883, in Rozni Moravia, son of John and Anna Koubek Libershal. He sailed to America with his parents when he was 11 months old.

In June 1916 he was married at the Holy Rosary Church in Plattsmouth to Anna Vetesnik. She preceded him in death August 28, 1957.

Also preceding him in death was a daughter Rita in 1949; three brothers, Anton, John and Frank, and an infant sister Mary.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Noble of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Charles (Patricia) Wolever, Montrose, Colo.; eight grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Julia Sartor, Everett, Wash., Mrs. Anna Meisinger, Plattsmouth and a brother, August Libershal, Marquette, Michigan.

Mr. Libershal lived his entire life in Plattsmouth with the exception of the time in his native land and a short residence in Chicago with his parents.

He worked in the brass foundry of the Burlington Shops, and for many years was Plattsmouth's Chief of Police.

He was a member of the Saint John the Baptist Church. Funeral services are pending at Sattler-Fusselman-Perry Funeral Home, Plattsmouth.

Council Equalizes At 7:30 Tonight

The City Council will sit as a Board of Adjustment and Equalization tonight at 7:30 to hear any objections to proposed assessments for special improvements in Street Districts 159, 160 and 162.

A regular Council meeting will follow.

A Classified Ad in The Journal cost as little as 50 cents.

KKK Queen Candidates



Iola Rich



Irene Rich

Twin sisters, Iola Mae and Irene Fae Rich of Union, are Queen Candidates of the Cass County King Korn Carnival. They were nominated by the American Legion Auxiliary of Union.

They were born March 19, 1944, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rich. Mr. Rich who died last year was a carpenter and contractor in Union and surrounding towns. Mrs. Rich the former Sarah McQuin, has lived most of her life in Cass County and the locality of Union. She has taught school in Otoe and Cass Counties for the past 22½ years. She is now principal and teacher in the Union Public School.

The candidates have brown eyes and brown hair; each is 5 foot 5 inches tall.

Both are members of the Union Methodist Church where they have been most active in youth fellowship, choir, Sunday School, Bible School and other church activities.

Iola's hobbies are playing the piano, reading, singing and participating in all church activities.

She attended Union grade (Continued on Page 3)



CASS COUNTYMAN WIN 4-H CROPS JUDGING CONTEST—This team of 4-H club members from Cass County took top honors in the 4-H Crops Judging Contest at the Nebraska State Fair. Members of the team are Ralph Puls, Manley; Larry Engelkemier, Lyle Engelkemier, both of Murray and Gene Engelkemier, Louisville. Larry Engelkemier tied for high individual honors with Jim Fredericks of Lincoln. —College of Agriculture Photo.

BUILDING UNDERWAY

LOUISVILLE (Special) — Work started last week on the new two level addition to the Louisville High School. The addition will be 65½ x 44 feet at a cost of \$68,112.

Mrs. Kozlowski Is Lay Teacher At St. John's

Mrs. Janice Kozlowski is the new lay teacher on the faculty of St. John School this year.

Mrs. Kozlowski was born and raised in New Castle, Pa. She attended State Teachers College in Slippery Rock, Pa., where she majored in Elementary Education.

In September, 1961, she was married to Pfc Joseph Kozlowski, who is stationed at the Louisville Nike Missile Base. They live at 701 Avenue A in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Kozlowski is teaching Grades 3 and 4 at St. John's. She also conducts gym classes for the children of Grades 1 and 2, and is in charge of the girls Physical Education program for Grades 3 to 8. She will also coach St. John's varsity volleyball team.

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