

**Cass County of the Week**

## 1st Home Agent Helped Extension Grow in County

By RUTH MILLER  
Special Correspondent

A Fairview Women's Club member Mrs. Howard Capwell, who was State Master Homemaker in 1930 and is now a Lincoln neighbor of Mrs. Nelson Berger once wrote this poem which I think you'll agree aptly sums up the work done during Mrs. Berger's service as County Home Agent:

This verse shows no particular skill nor is it grammatically correct.

But record years of endeavor that we will not soon forget.

In 1921 near Elmwood lived ladies who always were busy,

They lived under pressure that rendered them dizzy.

They organized a club—it was project work they say,

Served on many committees—used the phone day after day—

Made dress forms, then sewed with energy and zeal,

Studied food and nutrition in manner genteel.

They wrote clever essays with high sounding names,

Approved convenient kitchens, were real regressive dames.

Some finished furniture, hooked rugs with much elation,

Then painted jars and vases—a great conglomeration—

Next they studied draperies and floors of every hue—

Selected artistic wallpaper and painted wood work too.

They re-arranged their parlors, studied color harmony

And proper flower arrangement then sang songs from memory.

One day their husbands landscaped their yards with shrubs,

Planned scientific gardens—even hunted for the grubs!

Dug pools and rockeries, built baths for friendless birds,

Giving their home some beauty—thought not only of their herds.

To repay their faithful help-mates, these girls in duty bound

Planned many social times to speed the year around.

Then they'd hear the men singing in the field at break of day.

"Oh, we feel that club work helps us, how it helps make farming pay,

For we've had more joy and comfort, more beauty we surmise.

Since the Fairview Woman's Club has been fully organized."

Yes, the Women's Clubs began to organize and play an important part in County Extension in 1921 when Ida Wilkens came to the county as first home agent, and as this poem indicates the years between 1921 and 1924, when Miss Wilkens left to become Mrs. Berger, were not idle ones.

Mrs. Berger was born at De Witt, Nebraska, Saline County. She graduated from De Witt High School. Reminiscing about De Witt in her childhood she recalls that they drove past the Daniel Freeman homestead on the 16 mile trip to Beatrice where the family traded on special occasions. She recalls that even then it was termed "the old homestead" and people predicted it would some day be famous as such. Mrs. Berger saw that prediction come true a few years ago when the Freeman Homestead became the National Monument.

Mrs. Berger taught several rural schools, the De Witt Public School, and in the Lincoln Schools, riding horseback, walking, or driving a horse and buggy to reach her school.

In 1918 Mrs. Berger gave a book review on Lew Wallace's Ben Hur and from this review grew an interest that has formed into a favorite hobby. On large maps in the school where she was teaching she traced the boundaries of the Roman Empire where Messala, a gentile, and Ben Hur, a Jew, had their conflict resulting in the

famous chariot race. At the close of the book review, her sister Dora played the "Ben Hur Chariot Race." That book review was given many times and was very popular not only with audiences but with Mrs. Berger, so she reports she was very thrilled to see the play a few years ago at Denver. Mrs. Berger's talent for word portrayal was well known and in demand in Cass County and she reviewed such books as Country Kitchen and the Bible and the Common Reader.

After several years teaching, Mrs. Berger decided to return to school and in 1921 she graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. She came to Cass County that year and served the next three with us.

April 9, 1924 she left extension office to marry Nelson Berger and moved onto the farm at Nehawka, that has been in the family nearly 100 years and is still owned by Mrs. Berger.

Nelson's grandfather Nelson McReynolds, for whom he was named, came from Missouri on horseback during Civil War days and bought the land at Nehawka. There is an old story in the family about thieves who knew he kept a large amount of cash about him, and followed him up from Missouri but were scared away by the sound of a gun being cocked.

Nelson Berger was a progressive farmer and raised several 100 bushel corn crops. He was a member of the Nebraska Crop Growers Association and of the State 100 Bushel Club. In 1925 he received the silver medal for county corn yield and in 1928 the state prize for second highest yield with 102 bushels. He was also a member of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Masons.

Mrs. Berger recalls that one of the star attractions on the Berger farm was the model poultry house designed and built by Charles Bates of Nehawka.

Mrs. Berger continued to be active in clubs and organizations after her marriage. She is a past state president of the Home Economics Department of Organized Agriculture, and past noble grand of the Nehawka Rebekah Lodge. She is a fifty year member of the Order of the Eastern Star at De Witt and is still a member. She is a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary at Nehawka. She joined the Triangle Extension Club and when it disbanded became a member of Maple Grove club. Mrs. Berger was a charter member of the Nehawka Federated Woman's club which was organized in 1927.

Mrs. Berger's activity in Extension did not cease either. She served as a project leader, group chairman and county chairman. She was a delegate to the State Home Demonstration Council meetings and attended national meetings at Omaha and Lexington, Ky.

In 1926 she attended the Farm Women's Conference in Chicago representing the rural women of Kansas and Nebraska. Sixteen farm women attended from all parts of the U.S. and discussed "What Farm Women Want?"

Always interested in 4-H Clubs, she worked on committees concerned with awards, attended many Achievement Day programs and was leader of a rope club for boys of Nehawka.

"In attending 4-H Achievement Days," she says, "I was always thrilled because these young people could furnish a program of music and entertainment as well as give 4-H Demonstrations and exhibit articles they had made. How I wished that I had had that experience when growing up."

She has always enjoyed China painting and a wide variety of pretty pieces are on display in

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WHETHER THIS CHARACTER was crying for rain, shade, a prize, or just crying for fun, it brought many laughs from the crowd and the judges. "The Texas baby" was Mary Henningsen and Susan Smith, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henningsen and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith. They won first prize in the Fictional Character Classification in the Kiddies Parade Thursday.

## Floyd Eastridge Jr., 23, Louisville, Dies in Crash

LOUISVILLE (Special)—Floyd Eastridge Jr., 23, Louisville, was killed this morning on Interstate 80 in a head-on collision.

The accident happened between 2:30 and 3 a.m. A Lincoln car with two male passengers were also killed.

Mr. Eastridge is employed at West Chemical Company in Omaha, and was enroute home when the accident happened.

Surviving is his wife, the former Janelle Heard of Louisville; their two children, Troy, 2, and Bobby, 1; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eastridge Sr., Council Bluffs, Iowa; brother, Rodney Eastridge, Omaha; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eastridge, Plattsmouth.

Funeral services are pending at Fusselman Funeral Home, Louisville.

## 150 Attend Bi-Club Rotary Meeting Here

About 150 persons attended a ladies night meeting of the Plattsmouth and Nebraska City Rotary Clubs at Winterset Inn Tuesday night.

The meeting was the exchange by the Plattsmouth club for a bi-club picnic last summer at Nebraska City.

Buffet supper was served. Entertainment was dancing by the chorus-line unit of Plattsmouth girls taught by Mrs. Donald Freeburg.

## Clifford Collins Dies at Utah

MURRAY (Special)—John Collins' father, Clifford Collins of Ogden, Utah, died Tuesday.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, Iowa with burial in Hazel Dell Cemetery, Council Bluffs.

Collins store in Murray will be closed all day Saturday.

## Mrs. Schutz Named Nebraska Admiral

Mrs. John (Elsie F.) Schutz, Cass County Selective Service Clerk has been commissioned an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy by Governor Frank Morrison.

The award was presented by Chief Kermit A. Robinson, the local Navy Recruiter in appreciation of the cooperation Mrs. Schutz has given the Nebraska City Recruiting Station.

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## Summer!

By P. J. DINGMAN

It looks as if we're in for it again. Summer is with us Friday (as if it already hasn't arrived), and with it comes the yearly summer suffering.

The past 3 days have been scorching and pleasant with the high being only 86.2 and the low 54.0.

The chart:

Day	Time	Pres.	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon.	5:25	78	82	54	00
Tues.	4:50	79	83	62	00
Wed.	6:45	80	80	64	17

## More Girls Needed for Detasseling Corn

More girls over age 14 are needed for corn detasseling employment from Plattsmouth and surrounding communities. Two crews of 40 girls each are needed, according to Clarence Rankin, Farm Labor Interviewer of the Nebraska Division of Employment.

An insufficient number applied at the sign-up day last week and consequently another sign-up day at which girl workers may apply will be held in the first floor corridor of the Court House in Plattsmouth at 2 p.m., Tuesday June 25.

The girls are paid an hourly wage and are supervised by women forewomen. It is an opportunity for girls to earn money in mid-summer employment.

Rankin said. Detasseling starts about July 10 and lasts two or three weeks. Transportation to the Iowa seed fields on the Missouri river bottom land is furnished. If sufficient girls from the Weeping Water and Louisville communities apply it is planned to furnish transportation as far west as Louisville.

## Events Planned For Cub Scouts

A Committee for the Cub Scout Pack #399 met this month to plan summer activities. Laird Simpson is the Cubmaster.

June 29 a trip is planned to Offutt Air Force Base where Cubs and sponsors will go through a KC 135 and tour other areas of the base.

On July 20 there will be a Cub Scout Fishing Contest at the Game Reserve here.

On August 4 the Cub Scout Annual Picnic is planned at Steinhart Park at 4:30 which will include the Cubs' families.

## County Clerk's Office To Ready Budget Proposal

County Clerk Chas. Land Tuesday was named by the County Board of Commissioners as the Budget Making Authority to prepare a budget proposal for the fiscal year from July 1 this year to June 30, 1963.

Land said he will have a preliminary budget proposal ready by July 15.

An official public hearing on the 1963-64 budget proposal must be held by July 31 and the budget must be passed in the period between Aug. 1 and 10.

## John Dean Schreiner is Now Practicing Pharmacist Here

John Dean Schreiner, registered pharmacist and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schreiner, has joined his father and uncle, Vic Schreiner, at Schreiner Rexall Drug and is now taking an active part in the business.

He is a 1954 graduate of Plattsmouth High and 1958 graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Pharmacy.

For two and one-half years, he served as pharmacist in the Nebraska City Rexall Drug Store.

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## Funeral Today for Mrs. Lydia Midkiff, 82, of Union

UNION — Lydia Isabell Midkiff, 82, lifelong resident of the Union and Avoca communities, died Monday at a Nebraska City hospital after a long illness. She had been critically ill for a month.

Funeral was today at the Baptist Church in Union with the Rev. Donald McQuinn officiating. Burial was in Avoca Cemetery.

Palbearers were Roy Dye, Henry Pearsley, Gay Hughes, Amos Hughes, Loy Pell and Feary Comer.

Let's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Midkiff was born Nov. 14, 1880 at Union, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pell. She was married Jan. 10, 1900, at Plattsmouth to Edward William Midkiff. He preceded her in death in 1946.

Survivors are sons Oscar of Union and Matthew of Nehawka, daughter Mrs. Earl Freeman of Avoca, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Mrs. Midkiff was a member of the United Brethren Church and the Royal Neighbors.

## Fred Feldhausen, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Receives Promotion

Fred Feldhausen, a senior development engineer in the Technical Section, Dupont, was named senior supervisor in the Sodium Technical Group in April. It was announced by Technical Manager Joe Estes.

Fred joined the Technical Section in 1949 as an engineer and worked from 1951 to 1960 as a technical investigator and research supervisor in the Research Division. He returned to the Technical Section in August, 1960, as a senior development engineer.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Feldhausen, Plattsmouth. He received a BS Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nebraska.

He is married, has eight sons and one daughter and lives at 8313 Park Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

## County To Hold Machinery Bid Letting July 8

Bids will be asked on furnishing the County new equipment and bridge lumber and steel July 8, the County Commissioners decided Tuesday.

Highway Supt. Fred Clark said bids will be asked on:

- A new track-type tractor.
- 2 new dump trucks.
- A new pull-type scraper.
- A year's supply of bridge lumber.
- A year's supply of steel bridge flooring.

## \$89 Million Budget Proposal Indicated

By MELVIN PAUL  
Statehouse Correspondent  
The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN — The legislature's budget committee has given some indication of what it will recommend in the way of appropriations for state governmental agencies during the next two years.

Sen. Richard Marvel, chairman of the committee, has sketched in a general way what the lawmakers can expect when the massive budget bill hits their desks.

The summary given by Marvel shows state agencies asked for \$103,979,993 from the general fund. The committee sliced this to \$89,065,732. For the biennium ending June 30, a total of \$81,108,533 was appropriated.

In addition to being \$14,914,261 below what the various departments asked, the total is also \$3,510,345 less than the governor recommended. At the same time the total will be nearly \$8 million more than the 1961-63 appropriations.

The committee's special building fund levy will be for collection of nearly \$12 million from this source, compared with some \$7.5 million for the current biennium.

According to the committee calculations, the state mill levy against property could remain fairly close to its present level. Helping to supply more financing for the increased budget will be added revenue from higher horse racing, liquor and insurance taxes. Approximately \$10 million more is expected to

## ZIP Code No. Here Is 68048

Plattsmouth's five-digit ZIP Code is 68048, Postmaster V. C. Hendricks announced today.

"Everyone in Plattsmouth, will use this ZIP Code on all their correspondence to speed mail deliveries and reduce the chance of mis-sent mail," Postmaster Hendricks said.

ZIP Code, the Post Office Department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery, goes into effect nationally July 1.

Postmaster Hendricks stressed the importance of all citizens of Plattsmouth learning this city's ZIP Code and using it in their return address on all correspondence. In answering mail, he said, ZIP Codes taken from return addresses on incoming mail should be used.

"The ZIP Code is literally the last word in mail addressing," Hendricks said. "It should follow the city and state in addresses."

He cited this example of the proper use of ZIP Code:  
Mr. Vern C. Hendricks,  
Postmaster,  
U. S. Post Office,  
Plattsmouth, Nebr. 68048

The new ZIP Code plan, Hendricks said, for the first time will permit the Post Office Department to short-cut repeated address reading.

"The address on mail must often be read as many as eight or ten times by postal employees, to get it to the proper destination," Hendricks said. "Each handling slows the process of mail dispatch and adds to the opportunity of human error."

"With ZIP Code, a clerk needs only to glance at the code to know immediately to what national area, state and post office the letter is destined, and to speed it on its way, cutting up to 24 hours off the time between deposit and delivery."

Hendricks said that when ZIP Code is in full swing, the United States will have "the most modern system of mail distribution and delivery in existence."

The Journal has been notified by Postmasters and Postmistresses in Cass County of the following ZIP Code numbers:  
GREENWOOD: 68366.  
ELMWOOD: 68349.  
CEDAR CREEK: 68016.  
ALVO: 68304.  
UNION: 68455.

## Cancer Fund Drive Solicitors Listed For Elmwood Area

MURDOCK (Special)—American Cancer Society Fund Drive in Cass County is from now to July 1. Chairman for the Elmwood area is Mrs. Kenneth Roebor.

Solicitors are Mrs. Glen Buck, Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mrs. Herb Bornemeier, Mrs. Ralph Creamer, Mrs. Wm. Von Spreckelsen, Mrs. Louis Wendt and Miss Minnie Klemme.

## L. B. Todd's Bid Accepted For County Shed

A bid of \$4,316 by L. B. Todd of Murray, Implement and Hardware Tuesday was accepted by the Cass County Board of Commissioners on a 40 by 48 foot building for a County shed at Murray.

The building will replace one burned this spring.

The new building will be of steel frame construction with all metal exterior.

It replaces a structure that was 28 by 40.

Other bidders were Bornemeier Lumber Co., Elmwood; Fay Jose, Plattsmouth; Clarence Norris, Weeping Water; Carl Tiekotter, Plattsmouth; and Rogers Brothers, Murray.

The bid price was for the building erected.

## Mrs. Baburek Gets 'March' Service Citation

The March of Dimes Certificate of Appreciation for "outstanding volunteer service" has been awarded to Mrs. Paul Baburek for "generous and meaningful support, enabling the national foundation to continue its efforts in extending a large measure of happiness and hope to infants and children stricken with crippling diseases, and to move forward in a basic research program toward a goal of prevention and relief of human suffering."

Mrs. Baburek has been chairman of the March of Dimes in Plattsmouth for several years. The campaign has been sponsored by the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## Rites Saturday at Weeping Water For Mrs. Reckard

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at United Missionary Church, Weeping Water, for Mrs. Amy Reckard, 86, of Weeping Water. She died Monday morning at Rest Haven.

Rev. C. W. Severn and Rev. Joe S. K. Wipf will officiate.

She was married Oct. 10, 1898 at Kearney to George Reckard, who preceded her in death March, 1963. She lived most of her lifetime in Weeping Water.

She is survived by sons, Howard Reckard, Plattsmouth; Franklin, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Paul, San Francisco, Calif.; Leonard, Pasadena, Calif.; Richard, Lexington, Mass.; Glen, Sedalia, Mo., and Weaver of Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Also a sister, Mrs. Nellie Joss, Manila, Iowa; brother, Frank Young, Storm Lake, Iowa; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Hobson-Dorr Funeral Home of Weeping Water is in charge of services.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

## Sen. Don Thompson of McCook told the group that a "great deal" depends upon its decisions. He warned that the future of public power "has been placed in your hands."

Thompson was chairman of the interim committee which drafted LB 220, the bill creating the board.

Gerald Gentleman, general manager of the Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District, told the board that the power agencies are "100 per cent behind you. You must go slowly and not try to gobble too much at one time or more confusion will result."

Echoing this sentiment was R. L. Schacht, general manager of the Consumers Public Power District. Frank Phelps, representative of the board.

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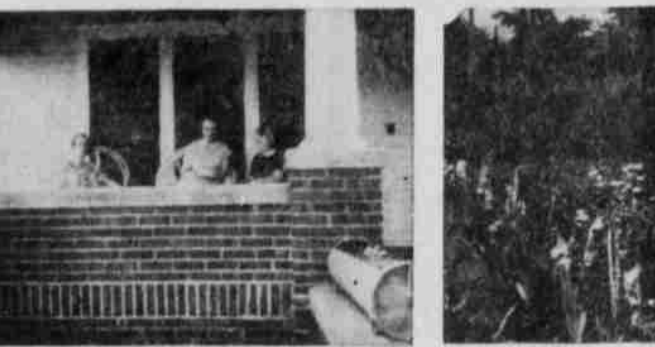
## DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Mildred G. Lloyd, 90, died today in San Francisco. She was formerly of Plattsmouth and the widow of the late William Alan Lloyd.

Funeral services here are pending at Sattler-Fusselman-Perry Funeral Home.



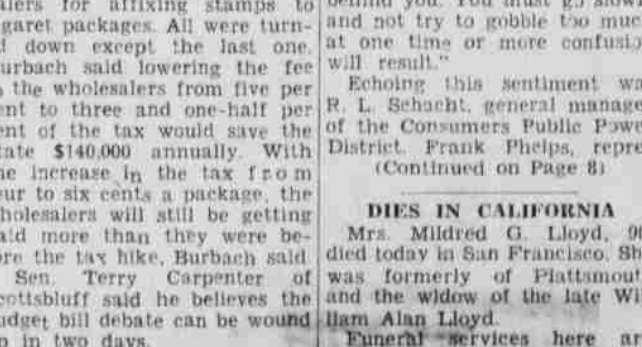
MRS. BERGER IS SHOWN with her flowers, with a field of corn and at left on the porch of her home at Nehawka with her sister Allegra Wilkens, center.



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