

MURRAY NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kuhns, Gayle Lynn and Howard of Beatrice were Sunday visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wheeler. They had attended a picnic at Pioneer Park in Lincoln and then drove to the Wheelers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and family of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cundall accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Grant Deterding to Nehawka Sunday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Deterding and were taken on a tour of the newly remodeled Nehawka Bank. John had done the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Sack of Lincoln were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Sack.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barthold of South Sioux City spent last week visiting at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wheeler. They had also come to attend the funeral of William Hennings of Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Van Ackern were Sunday dinner guests at the Bill Van Ackern home. Later in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Ackern drove to Omaha where they called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chase. The Chases formerly lived near Murray many years ago. Mr. Chase is ill with a heart condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Nolte were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nolte.

Mrs. Ruth Buffington has been quite ill at her home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nolte and family attended the Horse Show at Plattsmouth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bell and family spent Sunday at Hanover, Kan., where they visited Mrs. Bell's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Lühring, uncle Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lühring and an aunt, Mrs. Mathilda Granger who is hospitalized.

The Murray Menders 4-H Sewing Club will hold a reorganizational meeting at the Murray Christian Church Oct. 21 at 7:30 p. m.

The Murray school children and their teachers walked over to Rev. H. B. Hutchman's house Thursday afternoon and had their pictures taken in the yard near one of Mr. Hutchman's lovely trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Epperson of Plattsmouth were callers Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Ackern.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Susie (nee Scott) Zimmerman of California has died. She, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of Ashland, formerly lived near Murray. Mrs. Scott is now deceased.

Mrs. Art Uhe and Mrs. Ralph

Rathbun entertained at a "come as you are" coffee Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11 o'clock at the Rathbun home. A few games of bingo were played and prizes awarded and a door prize was won by Mrs. Ethelyn Flint. Refreshments of coffee and rolls were served. Guests attending were the Mesdames Monica Taylor, Marilyn Uhe, Lavina Ramge, Linda Lewlis, Ruth Ramge, Virginia Rhu- man, Ethelyn Flint, Helen Steeby, Helen Altschaffl, Dorothy Van Ackern and also three children.

The Rev. Willard Scott, Mrs. Art Uhe, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Glaze, Mrs. G. O. Schwenneker, Mrs. Charles Thomason and Johnny and Mrs. Clayton Pierce attended open house Sunday afternoon at Crowell Memorial Home at Blair.

George Nickels returned home last week from Clarkson Hospital.

Mrs. Roger Whitney is in Lutheran Hospital at Omaha for x-rays and observation.

Mrs. Dan Hoschar, Mrs. Charles Sayers and Mrs. Havley Sayers and Bart attended a miscellaneous bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Curtis Farris, given in honor of Connie Jo Pfeiffer who will be wed to Bill Farris Oct. 25.

Mrs. Bill Hoschar who had surgery at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha is getting along as well as expected at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pfeiffer of Dawson, Ill., have been house guests of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dru- ecker and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gruber and family. Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson went to Omaha where they had lunch with Clarissa Gruber at the Mutual Building and then they toured Omaha. The Pfeiffers left for home Tuesday morning.

SEE FILM

NEHAWKA (Special) — The Navy recruiter from Nebraska City showed a film on Fleet Ballistic Missiles to members of the Junior Woman's Club Thursday evening at the Methodist Church. The color film showed the ground and submarine launching of missiles. A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Frank, wife of the recruiter, and Mrs. Charles Spangler of Murray were guests. Mrs. Spangler joined the club.

Mrs. Kent Balfour presided. Twenty-five dollars was contributed to the Helping Hands school for Retarded Children.

Hostesses were Mrs. Clinton Anderson, Mrs. Elmer Ross and Mrs. Richard Norris.

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Area Reapportionment 'Given' To U.S. Judges

By MELVIN PAUL
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN — The arguments concerning the constitutionality of the area reapportionment amendment have once more been dumped into the laps of a panel of three federal judges.

A suit challenging the validity of the amendment — approved overwhelmingly by the voters last November — came up for trial in Lincoln's federal district court recently.

Under the amendment, voters authorized the legislature to give 20-30 per cent weight to area in redrawing the boundaries of Unicameral districts.

After introduction of more than 30 exhibits and testimony from several witnesses, attorneys for both sides rested their cases. The judges gave the plaintiffs three weeks to file briefs, and the defendants another two weeks to file reply briefs.

Filing the suit were a number of individuals, including the mayors of Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue and Beatrice, and AFL-CIO officials acting as intervenors.

Making up the three-judge panel were Robert Van Pelt of Lincoln, Richard E. Robinson of Omaha and Harvey M. Johnson of Omaha.

The plaintiffs argue that redistricting should be based on population alone.

Among witnesses at the trial was Sen. Arnold Ruhke of Plymouth, who played a lead role in getting the amendment on the ballot and in working up legislation to implement it.

Replying to a question, Ruhke said one of the motivating factors in the formula in the area amendment was the shift of people from outstate to urban areas. He said by 1960 Lancaster and Douglas counties probably will have more than half the state's population. If, therefore, representation in the Unicameral were based solely on population, those two counties would be in position to have control of the legislature, he said.

Ruhke added that "we wanted some voice in the legislature for the outstate economy."

Another witness was John Bettinger, a Creighton university student of mathematics. He presented computations purporting to show how a formula giving 30 per cent weight to area would affect representation in the urban and rural areas.

According to Bettinger, in the 43rd district every person's vote is worth 2.44 units on the average vote. He said in a number of districts more than 30 per cent weight would be given to area.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs were arguing that there had not been a correct application of the amendment in every case when the legislature was redistricted.

August Ross of Omaha, one of the plaintiff's attorneys, maintained also that the voters were not given an intelligent summary or resume of what they were voting on.

Robert Nelson of Lincoln, special assistant attorney general who helped represent the defendants, said the state considered that the only issue was whether the amendment and the laws implementing it violated the U. S. Constitution.

Finance Committee Governor Morrison said recently that several senators serving on the special legislative credit finance committee should function only in an advisory capacity to the committee.

Morrison said that Sens. Fred Gottschalk and William Brandt because of their knowledge of the finance field, should be permitted to advise the committee but should not participate in making any recommendations for proposed legislation.

The governor said if Sen. Michael Russillo "has some existing contract" with the Nebraska Consumers Credit Association (NCCA) "he should resign as chairman" of the special committee. He added, however, that Russillo has never revealed to him any direct connection with the finance industry.

Russillo, who is from Omaha has revealed that he was considering an offer to become vice president of the NCCA. He has said he would make a decision after adjournment of the special session of the legislature slated to open Oct. 21.

The primary purpose of the special session is to deal with time-sales legislation, in the wake of a supreme court opinion holding the 1959 installment sales act unconstitutional.

Gottschalk, who is from Columbus, owns a loan company and Brandt is a banker in addition to being an attorney.

Morrison emphasized that he was not making demands upon the committee but was making a suggestion only.

The committee is scheduled to meet in Lincoln the week of Oct. 6 to consider specific time sales legislation proposals.

Conrad Dies
Tal Conrad, director of the Nebraska division of employ-

ment security, died Oct. 3 in an Omaha hospital.

He collapsed while attending a meeting in Omaha. He was with other delegates to the 27th annual gathering of the interstate conference of employment security agencies when he collapsed and was taken to a hospital. He died the following morning.

No Illegal Wrestling
There is no illegal professional wrestling activity in Nebraska, according to James Donahue, Nebraska state athletic commissioner.

He made the comment in disagreeing with testimony recently given to the Missouri athletic commission by P. L. (Pinky) George, a Des Moines, Iowa, promoter.

George was recently quoted as saying that various figures, including Joe Dusek of Omaha and wrestler Vern Gagne, "work in a high-handed monopolistic fashion so that the independent promoter cannot sign wrestlers and they even make threats."

Donahue said that after reviewing George's statement and the Nebraska statutes, "I can only conclude that his reference to the term 'illegal' is not applicable to wrestling in Nebraska."

Donahue said George "has been with us several times in the past three years, and has never complained of any illegal activities to anyone associated with this office."

Tree Planting
The Nebraska centennial commission's tree planting committee met this week and mapped out plans for the spring, 1964

FELLOWSHIP MEETS

AVOCA (Special) — Mrs. Bill and Mrs. Nancy Carsten were hostesses for Woman's Fellowship Thursday. Mrs. Maynard Bruns was devotions leader.

Mrs. Dale Taylor and daughter, Nebraska City, Mrs. Fred Ruhge, Mrs. Mary Wolf and Mrs. Wayne Brooks were guests.

The next bake sale was announced for Nov. 7 and a cleaning day for Oct. 25.

Mrs. Brooks became a member of the Fellowship.

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Father-Son Dinner Held at Avoca

AVOCA (Special) — A Father-Son dinner was served Tuesday evening at the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Barry Burkhart gave the welcome and also the invocation.

Prizes went to: William O. Baier, oldest father present; Elmer Kepler, father with most sons; Mike Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, youngest son.

After dinner, Charles Marshall showed pictures he had taken in Africa on a visit last year.

Attending from out-of-town were Jack Hallstrom and son John and Richard Sutton, Omaha, Mr. Burkhart, Nebraska City; Paul Hillman and son, Otoe. Ladies of the Fellowship of the church served the meal.

FOUR CORNERS CLUB
NEHAWKA (Special) — Mrs. Malcolm Pollard entertained the Four Corners Club Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Leslie Behrens presiding. Each member brought an apron she had made for the Children's Hospital Bazaar in Omaha. The bazaar will be Oct. 22. Mrs. Oren Pollard was a guest.

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