



Tales and Trails Newsletter

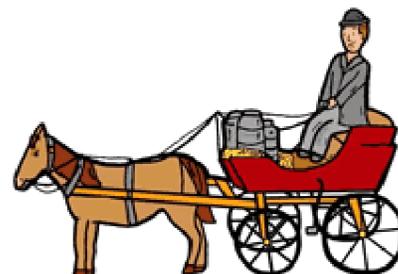
From Denton, NE, and surrounding areas...Sponsored by the Denton Community Historical Society

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Message from the President - Charlene Hobelman

It looks like Spring is here finally. The weather never got so terrible that we had to cancel any of our programs although some of the days were quite cold. We are a hardy bunch of people and as we learn more and more about the past history of this area, we realize that we have inherited a lot of this pluck from those that came before us.

It seems appropriate, therefore, that we save as much of their history as possible. By now, you have received a letter about a museum fund and are hoping that all of you understand that this museum will not be the repository for the history of a few individuals but that this is YOUR museum. It will only be a viable archive if you feel that it will be a place to save some of the precious documents and mementos of your family that might otherwise be destroyed or not shared with members of the coming generations. One of the people that has already sent in a donation wants the donation in memory of his parents and grandparents and then asked if it would be possible to have his father's military WW2 history and medals in the museum. This is what the Denton Community Historical Society is all about. THIS IS YOUR MUSEUM.



Easter Bunny's Family Tree Found!

Breaking news - yesterday a little girl named Alice was playing in the garden of an old house in England when she fell down a large rabbit hole. Before climbing out she made a unique discovery. In a small wooden box under a pile of rabbit fur hats Alice spotted a yellowed letter. The letter was addressed to "Dear Easter" and signed "Uncle Wiggly", and it provided details of an interesting family tree.

The complete letter has been transcribed below:

Dear Easter,

I'm glad you asked about your family. Time is getting short for me and I think I'm the only one left who knows the stories of our family.

Your great-grandfather, Bugs, was one of three brothers (Bugs, Peter and Brer). The brothers left their home and sailed for America in the late 1800s. The ship they were on was caught up in a terrible storm and the brothers had to tie themselves to the mast. The ship sank but Bugs, Peter and Brer were lucky enough to find a plank and they climbed up on it and drifted for several days until they were rescued by the SS Lollipop.

When they got to Ellis Island, the customs officials changed the brothers' last names before allowing them to leave the ship, and so the three branches of our family began.

Bugs, Your great-grandpa, kept his Bunny name. Peter's was changed to Cottontail and all his descendants have kept that name. Brer's name was changed to Rabbit and it is from his line that our famous cousins White and Velveteen descend.

Great grandpa Bugs later met and married your great-grandmother Bunny Fufu. I don't know anything about her parents. My cousin Willy Bunny has photos and her family bible but he is stingy with the family information and refuses to share. Apparently Bunny Fufu's family bible was tossed into a fire by Indians when they attacked the settlement where she and her parents lived, but Bunny's father leapt into the flames and saved the bible. I wish Willy would not be so secretive with the information!

It gets a bit confusing, but Velveteen Rabbit, your mother, was your father Energizer's second wife and his third cousin once removed. It wasn't unusual for cousins to marry each other, but it does get confusing as we all seem to have large families.

Velveteen's father (your maternal grandfather) was Peter but I don't know too much about your mom's side of the family. I did hear there was an Angora in there somewhere way back. Some say she was a Princess and Peter rescued her from pirates!

Of course you know your grandparents - Buster and Trix. One day you should ask your grandma Trix why she calls your grandpa Buster by his nickname "Hassenfeffer" whenever she is mad at him, it's a cute story. I've done some research on our family but am stuck on your great-great-grandmother. That would be your Great-Grandpa Bugs' mother. Great-Grandpa Bugs' father (your great-great-grandpa) was named Cadbury but I think your great-great-grandma was left by aliens. She is my brick wall. I know Cadbury called her Flopsy and they had 54 children but even though I've searched everywhere, I can't find what her SIRname was.



I guess I should tell you about the family scandal involving your Great great grandpa Cadbury Bunny. My Aunt Babbity told me she heard the grownups whispering about this when she was little. It seems that Cadbury's father fell in love with a chicken and Cadbury was the result of that love match! This might explain Cadbury's strange behavior....

Well Easter, I think I've given you enough details to confuse you, but I hope I've gotten you interested in learning more! I know where some of the graves are of your ancestors and will take you there one day if you want to go. It's just a hop, skip and jump away.

Give my best to all the little children when you make your rounds this year,

As ever,
Uncle Wiggly

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Our January and February programs have been very interesting. In January, we went to the Martell Fellowship Hall to hear DCHS member, Richard Schell, tell about his tour of duty in Korea. His description of his return to San Francisco and seeing the American flag brought tears to listeners.

On a bitter cold day, some hearty members went to Lincoln to see the Cowboy display. This was particularly interesting because one of our area old-timers was Teddy Blue Abbott who brought cattle from Texas to the north.



Richard Schell with some Korean money.



Jim and Gladys Meyer visit with Walter Case, DCHS member and docent for the Museum.

WANTED:

**WRITERS WANTED, MALE OR FEMALE, AGE NOT IMPORTANT,
WRITING ABILITY NOT A PREREQUISITE, SPELLING BEE HONORS NOT NECESSARY,
TO WRITE ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN YOUR NEWSLETTER**

I know that all of you have family stories that need to be saved and this newsletter is one way of doing that as all the newsletters will be archived for future generations. What were your family recipes, what special things did you do for holidays, what made one of your relatives so very special, what were some of the April Fools tricks that you can remember.

On one April Fools day, my mother made a pie that had a beautiful crust but instead of apples had stuffed it with cotton balls. My dad loved apple pie and was all set for a big piece and Mom was quick to say Aprils Fool when he cut into it.

Now I know all of you have a lot of memories that need to be saved. Send them to me at - dsull88075@gmail.com or to Teresa Sullivan at 6144 Baxter Pl Lincoln Ne 68516. Handwritten items are just fine.

Note: If Uncle Wiggly can write for the newsletter, you can too.



Burdette and Virginia Piening

Burdette's parents were Adolph and Loretta Piening. He was raised on West "A" between Emerald and Pleasant Dale on the farm that his grandfather, Louie, acquired. The Pioneer Farm award, for being in the family for 100 years, was received in 2011. They are still living on the same farmstead in the first house built there. Virginia's parents were Virgil and Millie Weilage. She was raised on a farm south of Denton (around 1 1/2 miles north of highway 33) on SW 86th. Burdette attended District 38 (Burd School) and then went to Malcolm High School for 2 years before attending University High School. Virginia went to District 130, across the section from the farm, and then on to Crete High School. Burdette went into farming and had a cow/calf herd. Virginia worked for the University of Nebraska on the Ag Campus. They were to meet on a blind date put together by a mutual friend (who most of you know as Beverly Peterson TeSelle). Burdette apparently thought it might be better to meet Virginia before this blind date, so called her up and they met a couple days before their double date! This was in December; they were engaged in February and married in June - a short engagement.

They had two sons - Troy and Terry. Troy graduated from SE Community College and ran a welding shop on the farm. He now farms since Burdette retired and keeps up the welding business. Terry graduated from the University and now lives in Holdrege with his family and has his own business, Heartland Financial, working with farmers. He had worked in Ag Marketing, Ag Education and Ag Finance before starting his own business. There are 4 grandchildren. Brandon is serving in the Navy in Guam; Dustin helps his father in the welding shop; Logan and Caitlin are both still in school and live with their parents in Holdrege.

Burdette and Virginia purchased the south section of the Elrod Ranch from Virginia's parents in 1980. The ground is now in the GRP Federal Program to preserve - the native tall grass prairie and the CCC terraces. Because of the large area of native prairie, it was featured in the Hallmark Hall of Fame production "O, Pioneers", in 1991, at the same time Denton was featured in the film.

Virginia received a plaque for 45 years of employment with the University of Nebraska in 2011. Forty-one of those years were working for the Nutrition Education Program which has offices in the Lancaster County Extension Office. Burdette enjoyed serving on many boards, most notably Farm Bureau, the Soybean Producers Board and the Sorghum Board (representing the NE Sorghum Board on the U.S. Grains Council) as well as serving on boards with LEAD, District 38, Zion Lutheran Church and Emerald Coop. He is now working on the history of District 38 from 1870 to 2006.



OBITUARIES

Eugene Eggert, age 80 of Martell died Jan 23. Survivors include his wife, the former Margaret Reddish and four children and their families. Both the Eggert and Reddish families have been in the area for many years.

Rita A. Mills, age 65 died Feb 17. She started and developed the convenience store which operates in Denton, the Mills Squeegee.

Lorraine (Wendelin) Vajgrt, age 83 died Feb 23. Three sons and their families survive. She was born in Berks.

Ruby (Meline) Baughman, passed away Feb 15 at age 95. She was the widow of Ralph Baughman. She and Ralph lived southwest of Denton for many years. Ralph's parents were Ralph Baughman and Carrie Haase.

Gladys (Wendelin) Schlichtemeier, age 93, widow of Melvin Schlichtemeier, died at her rural Hallam home on Feb 27. Survivors include three daughters and their families. Carol Wendelin, DCHS member is her sister-in-law.

Paul A. Douglass, age 98, of Martell died March 9th. He is survived by 2 sons, Richard and Joel and their families. Both live in this area. Services were held in the Martell Methodist Church.

Childhood Summers at Berks - by Gail J. Fullerton

The steam-powered threshing machine rumbled through the farm gate, past the windmill and stopped in the barnyard with a clank and a hiss. I peeked out the screen door of the kitchen and watched. Uncle Charlie talked with the man who rode in on the big black machine, then brought him up to the house for supper. After supper Uncle Charlie asked me if I would like to go look at the threshing machine. "Yes, please," I nodded and he took my hand and led me to the barnyard in the long twilight of early summer.

Up close the steam threshing machine smelled of hot oil and made low sounds. Uncle Charlie boosted me up into the cab. "Pull on that cord and see what it does." I took hold of the cord and pulled hard. The machine screamed and I leapt out and down into a cocklebur patch. A head of steam lingered and Uncle Charlie had thought I would have fun pulling the steam whistle. In disappointment and remorse, he carried me to the house. The year was 1932. I was five years old and it was the first summer that I had a long visit with my Aunt Iva and Uncle Charlie Park on their farm in the Berks area.

That first year my parents drove me from our Lincoln home to the Park farm. In later years my father would take me to the Missouri Pacific railroad station in Lincoln, put my ticket into my hand with instructions to hang onto it until the conductor asked for it, then speak to the conductor, asking him to be sure that I got off at Berks station. I would clutch my ticket in one hand, small bag in the other. The train was a small passenger train of two or three cars, probably diesel powered for I remember no big engine pulling that "Doodle Bug" as we called it. (Perhaps that was just what my father called it.)

Berks station had a long loading platform where cream and milk cans were lined up in the morning to be taken to a creamery. By the time I arrived on the Doodle Bug the platform would be empty except for Mrs. Shuck, the station master, who waited there – just waiting for me, I thought. I was usually the only passenger for Berks. Mrs. Shuck would take me inside to her kitchen (she lived at the station) and give me a glass of milk or lemonade, usually some of her sugar cookies, too. She would then turn to the oak box on the wall with a mouthpiece, an earpiece on a cord and a crank handle. She would turn the crank to ring the number of times that indicated the call was for the Charles Park farm. It was a party phone line and each "party" had their own ring. (Listening to the phone conversations of the neighbors was a common pastime in an era without TV or Facebook.)

My summers at the Park farm usually came during the wheat harvest. The steam threshing machine was only part of the excitement. Brothers, cousins, other neighboring farmers came to help. A day or two later the threshing machine would move to a neighboring farm and Uncle Charlie would go to help. Threshing wheat required a work crew and the men pooled their labor.

The farmers' wives came, too, laden with baskets and pans of food for the noon harvest meal. One farm wife I remember well was a Bohemian (later Bohemian immigrants called themselves Czechs but most of them had come from what was once the Kingdom of Bohemia).

Her big basket would be filled with kolachkes, sweet rolls with a center of apricot or prune conserve. After the men ate and returned to the field the women ate. Sometimes I had a kolachke and memory brings the taste to my mouth now.

The summers of my childhood were highlighted by those visits to my Aunt Iva and Uncle Charlie. Charles Park had grown up on the family farm just up the road, where his older brother George Park farmed. Aunt Iva had been Iva May Marshall before she married. Aunt Iva was my mother's sister. Like Iva, Gladys Marshall was a daughter of Harry Marshall and Minnie Wilson Marshall who farmed near Denton. Grandmother Minnie was born on that farm, the homestead of her father, Evan T. Wilson.

Evan Thomas Wilson was a veteran of the Civil War. Born in Pennsylvania to a Quaker family, he served in a regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry, a unit of the Army of the Tennessee commanded by General Ulysses Grant. Evan Wilson fought at the battle of Shilo and served under General Sherman from the burning of the rail yards of Atlanta to the long march to the sea. After the war Evan Wilson filed a homestead claim on land near Denton. He married Kate Greer and their first child, my grandmother Minnie May Wilson, was born on the farm in 1870. Evan T. Wilson is buried in Yankee Hill Cemetery.

These are the ties of blood and childhood memory that link me to Denton and Berks, although I have lived on the Pacific coast for more than sixty years.

MORE FROM "THE LANCASTER COUNTY CITIZEN " NEWSPAPER

March 16, 1922

MARTEL AND SPRAGUE CITIZENS PROPOSE NEW RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Albert Egger, L. Hoppe and H.W. Frohn, school board members, were before the county commissioners Tuesday afternoon making preparation for fixing a levy for the erection of a rural high school in the vicinity of Martel and Sprague. It is proposed to build a \$15,000 building, the site of which will not be selected until the annual meeting of the school board next June. The most favorable site under consideration is one between Martel and Sprague, the members said. There are two rural high schools now at Centerville and Martel, which will be done away with by the proposed new building, it was said. The district in which the new high school will be built contains three old districts and the cost of the new building will be spread over a period of five years. Construction of the new high school building will commence this summer, it was said.

August 10, 1922

WEST O WHIFFS

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Borgman and family left via auto Friday morning for Venango where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen and family.

DENTON DOINGS

The Denton ball team play a double header on the Denton diamond Sunday. The first game was played with the Star Van and Storage. Denton won by a score of 4 to 3. The next game was played between Denton and Saltillo. Saltillo won the game 5 to 0.

Mr. and Mrs. John Enright spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Art De-shays.

SPRAGUE SPIELS

Leo Hile had the misfortune to cut quite a big gash in his leg while cutting sunflowers for John Kersten one day last week. Dr. Lamb dressed the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Krull and family gave a reception Sunday evening in honor of the marriage of their sister Leota Krull to Fred Lonsdale of Lincoln which took place recently in Kansas City, Mo. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krull and daughters, Grace and Frances, Mr. Frank Krull, Mr. Vernes Krull, and Miss Marie Schmutte. The home was beautifully decorated with sweet peas. Mr. and Mrs. Lonsdale will make their home in Lincoln. Editors note: Vernes Krull and Marie Schmutte married April 28, 1923

August 17, 1922

ROKEBY

Lela Rundle visited last week with her cousin, Maude Hudson in Lincoln.

Evelyn Sittler had a very interesting meeting at the Christian Endeavor Society at Wesley Chapel Sunday evening. Joe Burgess will lead next Sunday evening at Rokeby.

SPRAGUE SPIELS

Glen Mitchell is driving around in a new Buick Roadster. Wonder who the lucky girl will be. Eh, Glen? You folks who have plenty of garden, don't forget your neighbors who were hailed out.

August 31, 1922

SPRAGUE

Mr. Fred Krull and Mr. Schramel are doing the carpentry work on the new high school building.

DENTON DOINGS

The barn dance which was held at the Shea home Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. Everyone reported having an enjoyable time.

Ask "Mable" how she liked the chase with the "mule" last Monday night. (Editor's note: I bet this would be an interesting story. Wish we knew what it was)

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shea and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Culp spent Thursday evening eating muskmelon with Mr. and Mrs. Maughan and family.

Edward Sullivan is now driving a Dodge roadster and Mr. Pat Sullivan has purchased a new Case Tractor.

Mrs. George Allan Jr. who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis continues to improve. She expects to leave the hospital Friday and will go home to the home of her sister Mrs. Sanders for a few days before returning to her own home.

EMERALD

Carl Dittmer has purchased an 80 acres of land east of Denton last Saturday.

Sept 7, 1922

DENTON DOINGS

School district #108 opens on Monday morning Sept 11 with Miss Eunice Burgess as the teacher.

EMERALD EPISTLES

Mr. Henry Miller passed away on last Monday morning at about 5 o'clock after a long illness. He had lived in this vicinity for a good many years. He had reached the age of 56 and services were held Thursday afternoon at the German Lutheran church on West O, where he was laid to rest. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, two daughters and four sons all of whom are at home. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. Louis Deinert passed away Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Baars, after being ill only a few days. Funeral services were held in Lincoln Thursday afternoon and she was laid to rest in the Wyuka cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, two daughters and six sons, all of whom are living around Emerald. The Emerald Epistles extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.



September 7, 1922

EMERALD EPISTLES (Continued)

Quite an accident happened to little Alva Naderhoff Monday afternoon when he was thrown off the mower in front of the sickle, cutting up his head and chest and cutting his wrist badly. He was rush to the hospital immediately, where he is under the doctor's care. Quite a number of stitches were taken to sew up the deep cuts. He is getting along as well as can be expected at this writing, (Editor's note: Believe this should be Albert Naderhoff who evidently died from his injuries and is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.)

Sept 14, 1922

WEST O WHIFFS

Miss Margaret Miller began her school in District #8 and Miss Florence Beck opened school on East District #101 Monday.

Sept 21, 1922

DENTON DOINGS

The Denton High School opened with a large enrollment of about 50 pupils last Monday, with 25 freshmen enrolled. The high school is in the Denton hall this year. Fifty five desks were placed on the upper floor. This is used for the assembly room. Two rooms are on the first floor and are used for class rooms Basket ball practice is held each night, both girls and boys teams. The teachers are Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs and Mr. Johnson. The grade teachers are Misses Olive and Georgia Taylor.



Sept 28, 1922

WEST O WHIFFS

Mrs. Charles Clausen of Otis Colo. arrived in this vicinity last week having been called to the bedside of her father Henry Piening Sr. who is critically ill at the Lincoln Sanitarium.

Oct 5, 1922

ROKEBY

Mrs. Rundle left Sunday afternoon for LaPorte Iowa where she was called on account of the serious illness of her brother A.A. Hudson.

Rally day was observed last Sunday evening at the Rokeby church. Sunday school and church services were largely attended. Ruth Scott, and Velma and Victor Seidell received the ordinance of baptism.

Oct 12, 1922

EMERALD EARTHQUAKES

The Emerald school sent a bouquet of roses and carnations to Christina and William Piening who are ill with typhoid fever. They are very much improved at this writing.

Oct 19, 1922

EMERALD EPISTLES

Henry Piening Sr. who has been ill for a number of weeks passed away Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln sanitarium. He reached the age of 68 years. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at his home 4 miles west of Emerald on West O Street and at the church presided over by Rev. Mr. Gersib. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, 5 sons and 2 daughters We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. Note: Next issue lists his sons as Fred, Tynus, Gussie, Henry and Martin and daughters as Uypka and Katie and sister, Mrs. Lohmeier and brother Fred Piening. Interment in North German church cemetery.

The Emerald Motor Garage under the management of C.B. Lutholtz has installed a fine new electric light system. This would be a convenient system to have put in at the homes of people living around Emerald. Please call Mr. Lutholtz in regard to the light system.

Nov 2, 1922

EMERALD EARTHQUAKES

Mr. and Mrs. August Wiechert took Sunday dinner with Mrs. Wiechert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loos who live south of Emerald. (Editor's note: Mrs. Wiechert was formerly Ella Loos. This is the family connection between our members, Dave Loos and Annette, Bill and Bob Wiechert.)

Nov 16, 1922

SPRAGUE SPIELS

Central High School house was occupied Monday for the first time.

RURAL RAMBLES

Another fine day we headed southwest from Lincoln. Our first step was at the W.W. Butler home, five miles out. They have about 160 acres. The home is located upon a hill. Mr. Butler is planning to build a fine new barn next spring. This will be next to the big glazed silo. They get The Citizen and are about as much interested in our stories and features as they are in the news column of this paper.

The Fred Oltjenbruns family live on the top of the next hill to the south. They have a fine new 8 room house, nicely situated among the big trees. The house looks pleasant, facing south. It has all modern plumbing and lighting. Mr. Oltjenbruns and his son farm four 80's, so they have plenty to do most of the time. They were taking a half day off thought to attend a farm sale. These good people used to take The Citizen and are now getting it again.

We lost our notes about the next place but remember the boss was also over at the farm sale.

Going on south we came to the home of E.E. Homrig. These folks were also away from home. However, we are going out there again someday when they are home and get acquainted.

Henry Block lives at the next place. Mr. Block has an 80 acre tract and reports the crops of this year not very good as is the average report south of Lincoln, He has 10 acres of winter wheat and with the long looked for rain expects an extra good crop next spring.

RURAL RAMBLES (Continued)

One of the new settlers in this section are the O.E. Nehler family, who came here a couple years ago from Sherman county. They have a nice 80 acre place here and still own a half section in Sherman county. Mr. Nehler feeds Poland China hogs. He has about 50 fattening now. Mrs. Nehler raised 500 fine Buff Orpington chickens this year. They say their western corn has come out better lately than their corn here. They have some sample copies of The Citizen to see how they like it. We hope to have them on our list as regular readers before long.

At the George Loos farm 7 1/2 miles south to Lincoln, we wrote another year's subscription to The Citizen. Mr. Loos was good enough to come up to the house to talk to us. He farms about 300 acres and owns about half of it. He is milking 20 cows and thinks the dairy business is far more profitable than farming. He wishes he had more pasture and cows. (Editor's note: It appears from the 1921 atlas that this is George O. Loos and not George P. Loos.)

A stop was made at the Pierce farm where we found that The Citizen is already paid for next year. The Pierces have a farm of 110 acres about 44 of this being in wheat. Their home is just east of the Rokeby school.

The F.E. Rundles have been subscribers to The Citizen for a long while. They have a good sized farm and practically all modern improvements.

We were pleased to put a new name on The Citizen list at the F.C. Munn farm home. They have had trouble getting their paper delivered, but we hope it will arrive regularly from now on.

We also missed meeting H.T. Cropsey as he was attending the sale. He has a fine quarter section farm and has had pretty fair crops.

The flock of Shropshire sheep is the big attraction at the E.G. Damrow place. They are sure beautiful specimens of this famous type. Mr. Damrow farms a little better than a quarter. The Citizen is their paper.

Nov 23, 1922

EMERALD

Mrs. C. Nobbman returned Monday from Alma Ne where she has been visiting her daughter and family.

Dec 28, 1922

SPRAGUE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spellman are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday morning Dec 22nd.

EMERALD

A beautiful wedding took place at St. John's church in Pleasant Dale last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 when Miss Lizzie Nobbman became the bride of Mr. O.T. Busboom. The bride wore a white dress of satin draped in white lace and pearl beads. "But we don't know what the groom wore?" Miss Clara Nietenstein, sister of the groom was the bridesmaid who wore a dress of blue silk taffeta. Mr. Edwin Nietenstein acted as best man. A six o'clock dinner was served at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Nobbman where brothers and sisters were present. We wish them a long and happy married life.

ROKEBY

Rokeby friends extend sincere sympathy to Mr. John Loos and other relatives in their recent bereavement.

WEST O WHIFFS

Mr. and Mrs. Nobbman announce the birth of a baby girl born Tuesday January 16.

Feb 15, 1923

ROKEBY RATTLE

Mr. F.C. Munn held a very successful sale last Wednesday. The Munn family moved to Rokeby Monday where Mr. Munn will be in charge of the Farmers Elevator.

The Rokeby store was sold last week to Mr. DeWitt of College View. Their furniture is being moved to the rooms back of the store where they will reside.

Feb 22, 1923

SPRAGUE

Princeton and Central High Schools clashed in a game of basketball on the Rokeby floor Friday evening.

March 1, 1923

SPRAGUE

Mrs. Flora Alder, 62 year old, died at 6:30 pm Saturday at her home 3 miles north of Martell, Ne. She was the wife of John W. Alder. She is survived by 5 children, three sons and two daughters, Elmer J. of Blakesburg Ia, Roy of Martell, John of Sprague, Mrs. Frank Young of Martell, and Gertrude of Lincoln. Interment at Wyuka Cemetery

March 8, 1923

SPRAGUE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Krull entertained the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerbig and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. William Krull and children, Fred Gerbig and wife and Mr. H.J. Gerbig at Sunday dinner in honor of the following children's birthdays: Kenneth Krull, Grace Krull and Helen Gerbig. (Editor's note: Grace Krull Damrow, a DCHS member, celebrated her 96th birthday on March 2, 2014.)

March 15, 1923

ROKEBY

The High School basketball players received their sweaters last week. The following boys received their letters: Ed Sullivan, Albert Davis, Clarence Peterson, Bill Block, Lawrence Clymer, and Wes Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burgess returned Saturday from Hot Springs, where they have spent the winter months.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Jr. Saturday evening.



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