



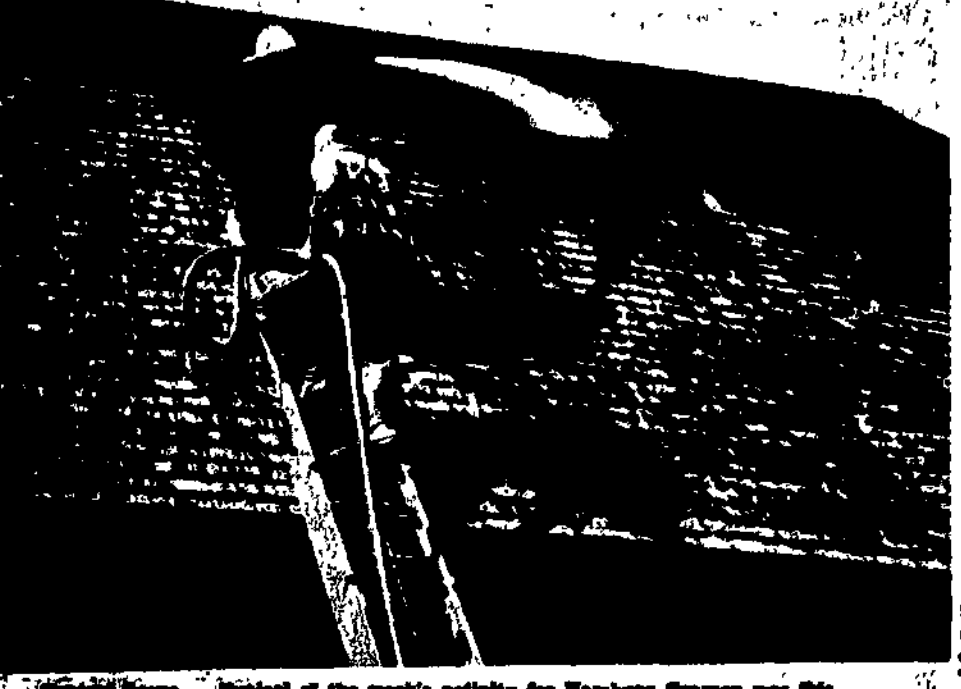
Fifty Years — Dr. Clifford Harding, center, was honored last Tuesday night by fellow Masons for having completed 50 years in that group. The presentation was made by lodge Worshipful Master Tom Leckenby, left, and by 52-year member J. F. C. Finnell, right.



Working Antique — As Rick Ashler observes, Robert D. Allen, president of the Omaha Astronomy Club, explains the workings of an old reflecting telescope recently re-worked and put in shape by club members. Fifty members of clubs from Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, St. Joseph, and Kansas City gathered at the Ashler home Sunday afternoon for a Midwest club meeting and pot luck supper. Various amateur astronomers gave talks, and showed superb colored slides and movies of the stars and galaxies, all taken by themselves. Rick is a new member of the group, and his new 8-inch reflecting telescope was inspected by fellow club members.



Special Citation — As Kiwanis Club members look on, Mayor pro-tem Walt Johnson was presented a Post Office Dept. citation Thursday for the local post office's beautification project of the last two years. The Citation of Merit was presented by James McNary, assistant to the regional director at St. Louis. The citation was for beautification of the grounds.



Field Home — Typical of the week's activity for Hamburg firemen was this "burning" scene at the Harry Warren farm four miles east of town. A field fire had continued with moderate winds to send sparks onto the roof of a large hay barn. Two machines were completely destroyed by the blaze, but the barn was saved with but minor damage.

Spring Bloodmobile visit next Thursday

An effort to bring participation in the spring Bloodmobile visit up to the excellent showing each fall will be made here next Thursday, March 28.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will collect whole blood for the regional Blood Bank at the American Legion dining room from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Co-chairmen Mary Sjulin and Jean Gottsche say they hope an all-out effort by the entire community—donors and workers will make the spring quota of the standard 100 pints a success. Last spring the community fell 7 pints short of doing its full fair share to support the free blood program, when only 93 pints were collected.

Fall visits seem to fare better, with 103 pints donated last September, and 117 pints (a modern high) collected in the fall of 1966.

With the obvious and urgent need for whole blood, as Vietnam casualty figures climb toward Korean War levels, local volunteer workers are hopeful that once again the Hamburg area can do its share to help all who need this precious, life-giving blood.

When you need whole blood there just isn't any substitute," says Mrs. Sjulin, who pointed out that the new and expanded Grape Community Hospital will require considerably more blood than does the present facility.

"We have to start now on an expanded donor prospect list. If the war in Vietnam were ended tomorrow it is doubtful our present donor list could provide enough whole blood to supply the new hospital. This is the reason we really need every able-bodied person under 62 years old as a regular blood donor," says Mrs. Sjulin.

Persons who have not given blood before can make an appointment by calling either Mrs. Gottsche or Mrs. Sjulin, or just come to the Legion dining room west door any time between 11:30 and 5:30 next Thursday.

At the present time blood replacements are needed for these friends and neighbors:

Easie Stephens, Floyd Kelley, Nell Notson, Hattie Clayton, Clifford Zach, Howard Putman, Isobel Wengler, Walter Johnson, Mildred Bakinger, Julia Stephens, Minnie Miller, Floyd Day, Neva Dooley, Ruth Moody, Ann Hollingsworth, A. E. Woods, Earl Simonsman, Mabel Bridges, and Harm Hunley.

To officiate state boys' tourney

A mark of professional excellence has been accorded a Hamburg athlete in a manner not generally thought of by the spectator public.

Robert Lee has been selected as one of the basketball officials in the boys' state tournament at Des Moines this weekend. Lee has been notified by the Iowa High School Athletic Assn. that he will be on the court for either a Friday or Saturday game.

He will know Thursday which game he will help officiate, but says it will undoubtedly not be the finals or semi-finals, spots reserved for officials who have already worked those championship contests. It could be in any one of the classes on either of the two days, but Lee says the thrill will be just as great whether it be the final game, or any of the contests leading up to it.

Last year Lee helped officiate games through the sub-state brackets, but this is his first chance at the state championship situations. He has officiated at area games for more than ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee and girls plan to leave Thursday for the tournaments, and will attend most of the games whether Mr. Lee is working them or not.

Syberts buy Thorp house

Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sybert of Rock Port have purchased the home formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thorp at 671 Liberty Street in Hamburg and expect to move to Hamburg in about fifteen days. The transaction was handled by Don C. Douglas, Jr.

Teachers returning contracts

A number of the Hamburg Community School teachers have signed their 1968-69 contracts.

They are as follows: Lewis Doubleday, elementary principal; Ruth Zach, 2nd grade; Nancy Shields, 3rd grade; Richard Sims, 6th grade; James Agnew, mathematics; William Klambunde, business education; Jerry Van Houtan, art; James England, girls coach and driver education; Linda Trauernicht, Kindergarten; and Allen Bleszek, Vo-Ag instructor.

Miss Nancy Nies, Spanish teacher here for the past two years, has submitted her resignation to the board.

Several high school principal candidates have been interviewed by the board but no contract has been signed as yet. Local teachers have until April 1 to decide on their contracts.

Fifty-year masonic pin to C. Harding

Dr. Clifford Harding was honored by 40 fellow Masons last Tuesday night upon attaining 50 years' membership in the Masonic fraternity.

After being introduced by Worshipful Master Tom Leckenby, Dr. Harding was presented the fifty-year certificate, fifty-year pin, and paid up dues card by J. F. C. Finnell, a fifty-two year member.

"The address of the evening, 'Tenets Inculcated', was prepared by Rev. Wm. Ballard, a newly elected member of the speaker's bureau, but presented by Paul Simson, as Rev. Ballard was in Des Moines on church work. Dr. Harding responded by telling how he enjoyed his fifty years of Masonry, and what it did for him.

Dr. Harding was initiated into Jerusalem Lodge No. 253 on Jan. 8, 1918. He served in many offices of the lodge, and some of them many years. During his year as Worshipful Master the Masonic Building Assn. was formed, and the ground work laid for remodeling the hall. He served on this committee several years.

A turkey dinner was prepared by wives of some of the Masonic members and served at 6:45 preceding the presentation.

Parent, teacher sessions

The spring series of parent-teacher conferences will be held at the Hamburg Community School Mar. 26, 27, and 28. Evening conferences will be held on Tuesday, and afternoon sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. In the past two evenings sessions were held but it was decided to hold just one this time.

Parents of students at the Marie Simons school will be scheduled for a specific time while parents may come to the junior-senior high at any time during the conference sessions.

In Omaha hospital

Janet Gude, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gude, is in room 104 of St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha. She is being treated for encephalitis which developed as a result of the mumps. She was taken there Saturday after being hospitalized here for nearly a week. Her condition is reported as somewhat improved.

Cummins sale Sat.

Household goods belonging to Bernice Cummins will be sold at public auction Sat., Mar. 23. The sale is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. at 316 E Street in Hamburg. Ford Auction Service is handling the sale.

Tourney bowlers improve

Nearly all winning scores of previous Men's Assn. bowling tournaments were topped this year. The 1967-68 tourney ended Sunday night at Fremont Bowl.

In the team event, the Vogel Popcorn team fired a 911 scratch final game for a 3142 handicap total to win the first place trophies. Team members were Andy Selk, Don Clayton, Art Vogel and Marvin Vollertsen. The Payne Valley team with 9086 took 2nd place. Beach Watch Shop, Geyer D-X and Sunset Inn were 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Bob Lee and Don Clayton picked the final session of the doubles event to bowl at 1310 score to take the doubles trophies. Dr. Ashler and Marvin Vollertsen held the lead with 1280 pins until that time. Harold Gardner and Jack Hodges were 3rd with 1275, Robert Dalton and Harold Gilbert 4th with 1273.

Al Janssen of Sidney fired a 611 scratch score to win the singles trophy with a 695 total, beating out Robert Dalton by one pin. He had a 684 total. Larry Sjulin was 3rd, Andy Selk, 4th, Max Moore of Sidney, 5th, Kermit Smith, Clarence Holman, and Roy Case, 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Duane Thomas won the all-event trophies with 1792 scratch for the 9 games and a handicap total of 1918. Miller Payne was 2nd in the scratch division with 1715, Jack Hodges, 3rd, and M. Vollertsen, 4th. Bob Weber was 2nd in the Handicap division, Dr. Ashler 3rd and Herb Fogals, 4th.

All trophies will be presented at the Fremont Bowl banquet later in the spring.

Adventure show for Kiwanis

Gordon Eastman of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, again brings the excitement of hunting, fishing, and wildlife combined in a show everyone will enjoy. "Adventures of the Great Outdoors" will be shown at the Colonial Theatre on Tues, Mar. 26, at 1 and 9 p.m.

The show is sponsored by Hamburg Kiwanis. This latest adventure film is completely new and different than any of the preceding Gordon Eastman shows. It consists of three complete films.

"Innocent Adventure" depicts a wildlife drama as 20 different animals and birds play a leading role in the savage wilds . . . from grizzly bear to majestic eagles.

"Trophy Fishing the Far North" was filmed in the far north at Great Bear Lake where catching a 40-lb lake trout on light fishing tackle is a thrill for beginner or expert.

And finally, "Trophy Mule Deer" shows a hunt of mule deer as few men dare. Cross the ice-choked Snake River in rubber raft as Eastman proves again that world records still exist for today's sportsman.

Eastman is a former Walt Disney photographer and his latest film is fine family entertainment. Many outdoor writers have viewed Eastman's work and agree with the late Larry Koller, editor of "Guns and Hunting", who said, "Eastman's film is a 2-hour masterpiece of hunting, fishing, and wildlife."

Advance tickets for this show can be purchased from any Kiwanis Club member.

Ladd buys Gardner bldg.

Robert Ladd has announced purchase of the building north of Hamburg Market formerly owned by Bud Gardner, and recently purchased by Harold Martin for a group of businessmen.

Ladd had previously bought the old Woman's Shop building immediately north of Hamburg Market and had it torn down, and plans to have the Gardner building demolished also. Space already cleared will be used for eventual store expansion, but plans for the Gardner building space are indefinite.

Lack of rain, winds increase fire danger

Grass fires, field fires, ditch fires, some serious and some not so serious, but all out of control, plagued firemen during the past week.

Both Wednesday and Thursday nights firemen were called to extinguish fires on the bluffs north and west of town. Thursday night a burning weed patch south of the Inter-State Nurseries required the attention of firemen.

A field fire was blown out of control by high winds Friday about noon at the Harry Warren farm. A machine shed and implements were destroyed. A crib of corn and barn were damaged before the fire was brought under control.

Firemen were called out again Friday afternoon when fire was discovered on the bluffs near Star School.

Saturday just before noon the fire fighters were needed to bring under control a grass fire on the Leroy Gubser farm.

Five injured in head-on crash Sunday

Five persons were hospitalized early Sunday night and a sixth bruised when two cars met head-on near the Whitehead Motor Co. building a mile east of the Nebraska City bridge on Highway 2.

All passengers in the Ezekiel Soriano car headed west were injured, as was Larry Hume of Sidney, driver of the other car, headed east.

Mr. Soriano was taken to the Nebraska City hospital suffering from a fractured nose and possible chest injuries. Mrs. Soriano had a shattered knee cap and cuts and bruises. A son was rushed to an Omaha hospital for treatment of serious injuries. A daughter was injured and hospitalized, and another daughter badly bruised.

Hume is suffering from a broken collar bone, head lacerations and bruises, and was also taken to the hospital.

Sheriff Jim Pindley said Tuesday the accident cause was still under investigation, and no charges had as yet been filed.

Services for Jack White Sunday

John Joseph (Jack) White, 65, was found dead at the Julia Hotel in Hamburg Mar. 15. He had reportedly taken his own life. He had made his home in Hamburg for the past 15 years.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Jacqueline Morehouse, Manchester, Ia., Miss Frances White, Pontiac, Ill., Mrs. Charles (Joyce) Craig Plainfield, Ill., and Miss Ellice White, Plainfield, three sisters, Mrs. K.W. (Mildred) Gaybill, Berryville, Ark., Mrs. J.R. (Marie) Hamilton, Chicago, Mrs. Wally (Margaret) Malmquist, Chicago, and three brothers, Joe White, Earl Meyer and Carroll Meyer, all of Guttenberg, Ia.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Mar. 17, at the Hamburg cemetery with Father John Nemmers officiating. The Rush Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Former resident dies in Missouri

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Rosanna May Anderson, a former Hamburg resident. She died in Appleton City, Mo. at the age of 84. Funeral services were held there at the Trinity Methodist Church Mar. 12.

Survivors include her children, Harvey Anderson, Los Angeles, Calif., Helen Diney, Appleton City, Mo., Robert Anderson, Bloomington, Ill., Marvin Anderson, Coolidge, Ariz., Vern Anderson, Leavenworth, Kan. and Margaret Claspell of Muncie, Ind.; one brother, Robert Gordon, Leavenworth, Ind.; one sister, Mrs. Luella Anderson, Torrance, Calif.; 26 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

To Navy

Bill Schofield, who enlisted in the Navy, left Monday from Omaha for the Great Lakes where he will take his boot training. Mrs. Schofield will remain in Hamburg.

Gary Sebek is still missing

There have been no new developments in the disappearance of Gary Sebek, reports Sheriff Jim Pindley. His office has checked out several pieces of information during the last week, but he says nothing of a substantial nature has been turned up.

Sebek has been missing since the night of Monday, March 6, when he returned to Hamburg after visiting his estranged wife, who had given birth to a son in the Nebraska City hospital.

Intensive investigation by county and state law enforcement officials have failed to turn up any clues as to Sebek's whereabouts.

A davenport in the Sebek cottage at the Dave Ward Apartments on Main Street was removed for further study of possible blood stains by Sheriff Findley and has not yet been returned, according to Mrs. Ware. She says to her knowledge the cottage is still under jurisdiction of the sheriff's office, and no one has moved into or out of it.

Mrs. Sebek and new son Patrick Michael are staying with friends here in Hamburg until the cottage is released to her.

An all-points missing persons description, now two weeks old, has failed to turn up the slightest evidence as to where Sebek may be.

Both his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sebek, and his former wife, Shirley Sebek, do not think he "just went off somewhere".

Post office citation for beauty

A special "Citation of Merit" for cooperation in President Johnson's Natural Beauty Program was presented Thursday, Mar. 14 to the Hamburg Community at the Kiwanis Club luncheon.

James McNary, assistant to the regional director of the St. Louis region represented Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien and presented the award to the City of Hamburg. Walter H. Johnson, mayor pro-tem of Hamburg accepted the award for the city.

In presenting the award Mr. McNary stated, "Only those communities which have made a concerted effort to improve the appearance of their post offices are recipients of the award." The citation is presented after the postal facility has received a superior rating in a very rigid inspection by postal officials from regional headquarters and reviewed carefully by the assistant Postmaster General for Facilities.

Richard Sjulin of Inter-State Nurseries, who planned the plantings at the Hamburg Post Office, was a special guest, along with Mrs. Inez Coffey and Leonard Thorp who planted and took care of the plantings.

Mother of Levi Benedict dies

Mrs. Effie May Benedict, mother of Levi Benedict, died Mar. 12, at Clarinda at the age of 87.

She had lived the greater part of her life in the High Creek community. She moved to Shenandoah in 1946. In 1953 she was taken to the West Port Nursing Home in Clarinda.

Survivors include eight sons, Howard F., Yuba City, Calif., Everett H., LaCrescenta, Calif., Levi, Hamburg, Earl E., Shelbina, Mo., Carl, Russell and Ronald, Shenandoah, Clifford, Kansas City, Kan.; one daughter, Mrs. John (Gladys) Filshie, Shenandoah, 29 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Hugh Hayes; and three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Casale, Mrs. Ruth Millon and Mrs. Minnie Fischer, all of Watson.

Funeral services were held at the High Creek Baptist Church Mar. 15 with Rev. Darrell Heitner and Elder B. A. Revell, officiating. Interment was in the High Creek cemetery. Hackett Funeral Home was in charge of services.