

Annual Poppy Sale Will Be Held Here Saturday

Arrangements for the annual distribution of poppies, Saturday, May 25, have been completed, according to Mrs. Lester Platte, Sumner American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Chairman.

Distribution will start Saturday morning in the residential districts of Sumner and will continue on the streets in the business district during the day.

Mrs. Platte, poppy chairman, will be in charge and will be assisted by other Legion Auxiliary members and the older members of the Junior Auxiliary.

The crepe paper poppies have been made by the disabled veterans at the Soldier's Home, Marshalltown, the Clinton Domiciliary and the VA hospital at Des Moines. This work has provided valuable occupational therapy and has enabled the veterans to earn money for themselves.

These veterans are the only paid workers in the Auxiliary's poppy program, all the rest serving as unpaid volunteers.

Contributions go entirely to support the American Legion and Auxiliary activities for the disabled veterans and needy children of veterans.

The Sumner auxiliary unit will also conduct a poppy sale campaign in Fredericka again this year. Leigh Alcock will be Poppy Sale chairman at that place.

Farm Building Supply, Inc., Plans Open House Event

E. W. Epperson, owner of Epperson & Co., Inc. of Sumner, has announced Saturday, May 25 as the date for the Grand Opening of the newly formed Farm Building Supply, Inc. a subsidiary of Epperson & Co., Inc.

Dozens of door prizes will be awarded at the Grand Opening, scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served. There will be prizes for children as well as the men and ladies.

Farm Building Supply, Inc. headquarters are located in the east section of the Epperson & Co. Inc. main office building at the west edge of Sumner. This newly established firm will be managed by Louis Barnes of Sumner, and will retail all types of building material, paints, hardware and dairy farm equipment.

The complete story of Farm Building Supply, Inc. is published in a four page supplement which is a part of this week's issue of the Sumner Gazette.

Mr. Epperson and the new firm manager, Louis Barnes, are extending a cordial invitation to all residents of Sumner and the surrounding communities to attend the Grand Opening of Farm Building Supply, Inc. on Saturday, May 25.

Two Cars Extensively Damaged In Accident

Total damage exceeding \$500 was done to cars driven by Mrs. Wesley Stohr, Westgate, and James R. Heyer of Sumner in an accident Thursday evening on the farm to market road, three miles east and four miles south of Sumner.

Mrs. Stohr had parked on the road to pick up a passenger at the W. C. Baker home, when, crashing into the back end of her car. No one was injured in the accident.

HELLO WORLD

BARTH, Mary Elizabeth, born May 18 at Mercy Hospital in Oelwein. Weight 6 lbs., 8 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barth of Oelwein. Mr. Barth is a former Sumner resident.

HURMENCE, Margaret Ruth, born May 15 at Ames. Weight 8 lbs., 9 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hurmence of Ames. Gerald is the son of Mrs. Irma Hurmence of Sumner.

PHELPS, Randy William, born May 12 at Mason City. Weight 7 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phelps of Mason City. The couple are former Sumner residents and Mrs. Phelps is the former Roberta Ommen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ommen.

MAURICE, Lori Lynn, born May 15 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 7 lbs., 15 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Maurice. Mrs. Maurice is the former Shirley Higgins.

LAU, Margaret Elfrida, born May 17 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 7 lbs., 7 oz. Parents are Rev. and Mrs. Alfred B. Lau, missionaries, Greater Mexican Missions, 2761 Franklin St., Lincoln 2, Neb.

BLOCK, Roger Carl, born May 18 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 7 lbs., 8 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Block of Maynard.

SMITH, Jane Louann, born May 18 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Smith of Fairbank.

DOMKE, Patricia Lois, born May 19 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 8 lbs., 1 1/4 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale M. Domke of Frederickburg.

\$200 LUCKY BUCKS
This Week's Prize

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Aces Finish Baseball Season With 9-1 Record
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Sumner Man Is Killed In Accident

Walter J. Berg, 44 Dies Friday Night Of Heart Ailment

Services Are Held Tuesday For Sumner Businessman, Funeral Director

Walter J. Berg, 44, Sumner businessman and funeral director, died Friday night, May 17, at the Sumner Community Memorial Hospital of a heart ailment. He had been ill for the past month and had been admitted to the hospital about three weeks prior to his death.

Mr. Berg had owned and operated the Berg Furniture and the Berg Funeral Home in Sumner since 1945, when he became the third generation of his family to be so engaged in business in Sumner.

It was in that year that his father, Walter, Sr., retired from active participation in business.

Mr. Berg was active in community affairs having served on the Community Club board, the



Five Sumner High School Seniors Are Honored at Graduation

Five Sumner High School graduating seniors received special recognition at Commencement exercises Wednesday night as recipients of scholarship, activity, citizenship and athletic awards.

The Athletic Award was presented to Flynn Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meyer, with presentation made by Donald Gosch, Sumner High School Athletic Director.

Patricia McCue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCue, received the Scholarship Award, presented by Mrs. H. N. Hunt of the local faculty and Gretchen Schult, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schult, was presented the Activity Award by Darold Faulkner, senior sponsor.

The Citizenship Award went to Joan Reisner, daughter of Mrs. Ervin Reisner, Wm. Hahle, of Sumner, a member of the Bremer County Bar Association, sponsors of the award, made the presentation.

Mary Jean Hay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hay, was presented a Cancer Scholarship Award by Mrs. Elmer Kueker of Denver.

Hawkeye Area Girl Drowns in Creek At Her Farm Home

Kathy Homewood Victim Of Last Wednesday Afternoon Tragedy

HAWKEYE—Two-year old Kathy LuAnn Homewood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Homewood, drowned in three and one half feet of water in a creek on the farm of her parents north of Hawkeye, Wednesday, May 15 about 4:30.

Mrs. Homewood and Kathy were gathering eggs, when apparently Kathy wandered away. It is believed Kathy climbed on a log and lost her balance and fell in the water.

After she was missed her mother searched for her and found her about five rods from the house in the creek. Mrs. Homewood tried to revive her daughter and neighbors passing by assisted her.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Emerson Funeral Home in charge.

Rev. Dennis Schlossin, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Hawkeye Cemetery.

Kathy LuAnn, daughter of Charles Homewood and Doris, nee Ungerer, Homewood, was born June 12, 1954 at West Union, Iowa. She was received into the Savior's Kingdom by Holy Baptism on Aug. 1, 1954 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Hawkeye.

She lived with her parents on a farm five miles north of Hawkeye, and died as the result of accidental drowning, May 15, 1957 at the age of 2 years, 11 months and three days.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Albert Ungerer.

She is survived by her parents, her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Frieda Ungerer, her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Homewood all of Hawkeye; several aunts and uncles.

Her father, Walter Berg, Sr., (Continued on Page 12)



Scene of the tragic accidental death Monday of Wilbert Gebert, World War II and Korean War veteran, in this two-car garage at the Gebert home on Park Ave. here in Sumner. Gebert

was apparently instantly killed when the car pictured above slipped from a jack and pinned him to the garage floor as he was working beneath it. He died of a broken neck. Funeral ser-

—Sumner Gazette Photo
Services for the 37-year-old John Deere Tractor Co. Waterloo, employee will be held Thursday at the Methodist Church.

Long-Time Resident Of Community Dies Saturday Afternoon

Funeral Services Tuesday For Area Farmer, John W. Laabs, 84

John W. Laabs, long-time resident of this community, died Saturday, May 18 at 5 p.m. at the Sumner Community Memorial Hospital. Death was attributed to complications of advanced age.

Mr. Laabs had suffered a hip fracture on Dec. 2 of last year and had been in failing health since that time.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Richfield Church with the pastor, Rev. Robert Reitz, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

John William Laabs was born Sept. 19, 1872, in Stapleton township, Chickasaw County, Iowa, the son of Carl and Johanna (Moldenhauer) Laabs.

He was baptized in infancy and moved with his parents to the Richfield community on a farm seven miles northeast of Sumner at the age of two. He was confirmed at the Richfield church and attended rural schools of the community.

He was united in marriage with Miss Emma Kammerly on Dec. 20, 1900. Three children were born to the union, one of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Laabs was preceded in death by his wife on July 28, 1942.

Surviving are two sons, Walter Laabs at home, Carl Laabs of Sumner; five grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Hulda Bender of Waterloo; and one brother, Albert Laabs of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, one son, two brothers and one sister.

At the time of his death he had reached the age of 84 years, seven months and 29 days.

Name Rural 8th Grade Graduates

The following are students completing the 8th grade in Bremer County rural schools this spring: Jeanette Haar, Dayton No. 5; Janet Hoppenworth, Dayton No. 2; Leo James Jones, Sumner No. 2; Diane Kasemeier, Dayton No. 2; Larry Kasemeier, Dayton No. 2; Douglas Luitgen, Dayton No. 8; Clarence Meier, Dayton No. 2; Vermita Meier, Sumner No. 7; Ronald Meyer, Dayton No. 1.

Verdell Ann Meyer, Dayton No. 8; Jerry Nichols, Dayton No. 1; Virgil Pries, Dayton No. 2; Ronald Rathbone, Leroy No. 1; Duane Rathbone, Leroy No. 1; Duane Schworin, Dayton No. 8; Shirley Warnke, Dayton No. 3; Jolene Westendorf, Dayton No. 6; Lyle Pock, Myron Pock and Virgil Pries, Sumner No. 2.

The D.A.R. History Medal was presented to Myron Pock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pock of Sumner. He is enrolled in Sumner No. 2 School and his teacher is Miss Anna Axberg. The medal is awarded each year by the D.A.R. to the rural 8th grade student having the highest average in history.

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Car Slips Off Jack Falls On Wilbert Leo Gebert, 37

Tragedy struck this community shortly after noon Monday when Wilbert Leo Gebert, 37-year-old veteran of World War II and the Korean War, was accidentally killed while repairing his auto in the garage at his home on Park Ave.

Death was attributed to a broken neck sustained when the car slipped from a jack and fell on him as he was working beneath it. A doctor, who examined him shortly after the accident was discovered, said death was apparently instantaneous.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 1:45 p.m. at the Berg Funeral Home and at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Donald Artman, officiating. Military rites in charge of the Sumner Veteran's Organization will be held at Union Mound Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coan, who live less than a block from the Gebert home, discovered the accident as they drove by on the street at about 12:40 p.m. Monday. They stopped and Coan jacked up the car, while his wife summoned an ambulance and a doctor.

Mrs. Gebert said later that the accident must have occurred less than 15 minutes before it was discovered for her husband had gone to the garage to work on his car, shortly before 12:30 a.m.

Bremer County Deputy Sheriff James Leemon, who was called to the accident scene in the absence of county coroner Harry Cleveland, pronounced the death accidental.

Wilbert Leo Gebert was born Sept. 7, 1919 on a farm in Douglas township, Bremer Co., the son of Herman and Lena (Lohman) Gebert.

He was baptized in infancy at Siegel Evangelical Reformed Church and attended rural schools near his home. Mr. Gebert also attended Tripoli High school and then received his high school diploma while serving with the armed forces.

A veteran of both World War II and the Korean War he enlisted in the Air Force on May 31, 1941, and was discharged in 1947. This tour of military service included overseas duty in India, Burma and China. He received a deep scalp laceration and a cut artery on his head.

The other three children escaped with minor injuries. Wilbert, 8, suffered a slight cut on the top of his head, Linda, 6, sustained minor cuts and abrasions on her face and body and the baby, Dale, 7 months, received a bruise on the top of his head.

Apparently a blowout tire was the cause of the accident which occurred as the mother and her children were returning to their farm home after a school picnic.

A Bryant Funeral Home ambulance driver of Oelwein, who brought the family to the local hospital, said it appeared that Mrs. Leistikow had lost control of the car, after a blowout. The car left the road and crashed into the ditch.

Damage to the auto, a 1952 Ford 4-door was extensive.

Three of the Leistikow children, Wilbert, Linda and the baby were released from the local hospital, but Mrs. Leistikow and her two-year-old son, Paul are still patients here.

Stores To Close In Observance Of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, will be observed here with the traditional Memorial Day parade and special services at Union Mound Cemetery.

In charge of the event will be the two Sumner veteran's organizations and their Auxiliaries, the Sumner American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

All servicemen home on leave, ex-servicemen and women and all members of the two organizations and their Auxiliaries are urged to participate in the parade which will form in front of the Legion Hall at 9:15 a.m. Thursday morning.

Summer stores will be closed all day Thursday, May 30. There will be no mail service at the local post office and the First National Bank will not be open for business.

The Sumner Gazette will publish a day early next week and advertisers are asked to cooperate by submitting ad copy no later than noon Saturday. Deadline for grocery stores will be 12 o'clock noon on Monday. Gazette correspondents are also reminded of the early publishing date and are asked to submit their copy accordingly.

Contract Let On New Disposal Plant Project

Welden Bros., of Iowa Falls Submit Low Bid of \$193,280

The contract for the construction of a new city sewage disposal facilities was let to Welden Bros. Co. of Iowa Falls, Ia. for a total cost of \$193,280 at the letting held Thursday at the city hall here.

The bid by the Iowa Falls firm, one of seven submitted to the Sumner Town Council, was \$25,220 below the engineer's estimate for the project.

Construction on the new site west of Mt. Calvary Cemetery off Pennington Road, is expected to begin before July 1 and the disposal plant is to be completed by Nov. 30 of this year.

There was a spread of approximately \$55,500 between the high bid and the successful bid submitted by the Welden Bros. firm at the Thursday letting.

Bids submitted along with the Welden bid included: Phelps Drake Co., Minneapolis, \$229,010; Erster & Co., Waterloo, \$210,746; Henkel Const. Co., Mason City, \$219,553; Gjellefeld Const. Co., Forest City, \$213,170; Kehe Const. Co., Waverly, \$214,200; and Acon Const. Co., St. Paul, \$248,852.

Total cost of the new disposal plant project including the purchase of land upon which it will be located, will exceed \$200,000.

PURCHASES NEWSPAPER
G. Wiley Beveridge, former publisher of the Sumner Gazette, has purchased the Williamsburg Journal-Tribune. Beveridge had formerly been co-owner of the Clarion Monitor but sold his interest in that paper earlier this year and since that time had been employed at Hampton, Iowa.

Grade Has Perfect Dental Record



The smiles of these fifth grade students at Durant school hold special significance, for this class is the first in the local grade school to have a 100 percent dental record. The class has been commended by Mrs. Selma Carroll, R.N. of Fredericka, Bremer county school nurse, for their fine cooperation in completing and returning their dental cards.

Mrs. Carroll said the Dental Report involved taking the cards to the dentist who examined the

children's teeth. If no dental work was necessary, the cards were signed by the dentist. However, if dental work was needed, this had to be completed before the cards could be signed by the teacher.

Pupils pictured are: left to right, first row: Connie Westendorf, Ellen Bradford, Betty Blume, Karen Hoepfner, Sharon Rieck, Cathy Reckhemmer, Paula McDonald, Jill Lucas.

Second row—Donald Schwerin, Darwin Gitch, Daryl Rieck, Greg-

ory Strotzman, Donald Behrens, Lonny Schwake, Dan Sexton, Lavinia Meyer.

Third row—LuAnn Roth, Susan Kasemeier, Kathleen Elliott, Sue Ritter, Sharon Yungtum, Mrs. Dick Hogan (teacher), Karen Nuss, Patty Wilson, Janice Nicklaus, Ed Humpal, Billy Schmidt and Paul Hahle.

Absent when this picture was taken were Diana Johnson, Lois Hoffman and Janice Harnening.

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