

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 when Heyer, approaching from the south, crashed 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, Nebr.

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.

His 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 services were held Thursday at the Methodist Church.

Oran Mother And Children Injured In Car Accident

Mrs. Art Leistikow Is Most Seriously Hurt; Taken To Sumner Hospital

An Oran mother and her four small children were admitted to Sumner Community Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon for treatment of injuries received when the car in which they were riding crashed into the ditch a mile south and a mile west of Oran, as they were returning from a school picnic.

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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.

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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 Accon 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 report. 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 Reckhammer, 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 Harminging.

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.

Veryl 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 Schwerin, Dayton No. 8; Shirley Warnke, Dayton No. 3; Jolene Westendorf, Dayton No. 6; Lyle Pooek, Myron Pooek and Virgil Pries, Sumner No. 2.

The D.A.R. History Medal was presented to Myron Pooek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pooek 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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