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## Gun Safety Course By Boy Scouts

All boys and girls between the ages of 7-14 who are interested in taking a gun safety course are invited to a Boy Scouts potluck Thursday, October 30 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Fellowship hall here.

Parents of interested participants and Scouts are asked to bring two covered dishes and their own dishes and eating utensils.

Guest speaker for this meeting will be Mitchell County Sheriff Richard E. Jahnle. The gun safety course will be sponsored by the St. Ansgar Jaycees and the Daisy Co. Further details of future gun safety meetings will be announced later.

Jeff Hansen's patrol and their parents will be in charge of making coffee, setting up tables and clean for this meeting. Patrol members are Mark Hendrickson and Rod Turner, Assistants; Ivan Wold, Todd Rust, Kelly Wolff, David Sneeve and Del Schubert.

You are advised that if you can't make it for the supper, you are entirely welcome to attend the meeting at 8 p.m. Parents are especially urged to join their children in the fun and instruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Pike were dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Randall and family in Mason City Sunday.

Tom Wells and Bud Kerckhove of Mission, Kan. spent several days this past week at the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerckhove. Sunday afternoon callers at the Kerckhove home were Mr. and Mrs. Albin Nerad and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ritter of Carpenter.

Mrs. Magnus Christian of Omaha, Neb. arrived Wednesday and spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Annie Larsen. Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Larsen were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rosenberg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Feldt, Craig and Conrad entertained their families at a dinner at their home Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Robertson, David and Deanne of Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, Scott and Stacy of Webster City, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eitmann, Nicole and Danielle of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Feldt, Lori and Spencer, also Mike Kelly and Dave Kern of St. Ansgar.

Mr. and Mrs. Feldt will be moving to their new home at Ogema, Minn. November 1. Lloyd Swisdal of Mentor, Minn. is visiting his brother-in-law, Monrad Houg for several days before going to Bemidji to spend the winter at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Skaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Valentine of Low Moor, and Mrs. Glenn Anderson of Clinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Grant Berg and Raymond last Friday. Mrs. Roger Berg of Hinton spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Berg and Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hegland of Fort Dodge were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Rose Hagland, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hays and family were dinner guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gerlach received word of the death of her brother, Harold Schriever at Cedar Rapids Tuesday, October 14. They left Thursday to attend the funeral that was held Friday at the Lovely Lane Methodist church. Others from here who attended funeral services were Roger and Wilmer Gerlach.

## Snowmobile Licenses Now Available At County Recorder's Office

Snowmobile licenses are now available, and snowmobile owners are advised to renew licenses before the busy season at the County Recorder's office at the Court House in Osage.

## Free Homemaking Consumer Classes Start Here October 27

A new series of free consumer homemaking classes will be offered by North Iowa Area Community College at the REC building, St. Ansgar, Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning October 27 through November 17. The first session will be "Halloween Treats" and the second session, "Winterize Now".

On November 10 there will be a demonstration and preparation of a brand new kind of pumpkin pie and the final session will offer helpful hints on buying, thawing and roasting a Thanksgiving turkey as well as hints for leftovers.

Nor registration is necessary for these free classes which will be taught by Sheri Erickson.

## Start Soil Test Program This Fall

Farmers who don't have a soil testing program are encouraged to start one soon, says Edgar Dorow, Mitchell county extension director.

A regular soil testing program gives a farmer a field history much more useful than a single test, according to Regis Voss, extension agronomist at ISU. A soil test history tells a producer the nutrient levels of his fields and whether he needs to maintain them, add fertilizer or lime.

A soil test provides a measure of soil fertility, pH (soil acidity) and the amount of organic matter in the soil. It does not determine land values or explain or correct poor yields due to other factors such as weather, disease, insects, weeds and poor management.

Test soil routinely every three to four years unless special annual tests are needed, Voss says.

For more information on taking soil samples or where the nearest testing lab is, contact your county extension director or fertilizer dealer.

Voss advises farmers to get their soil tested now and avoid the spring rush in 1976.

## Groomer For Snowmobile Trail Use

Snowmobilers of Mitchell county are embarking on a project whereby a groomer may be purchased to clear trails and pack down loose snow.

Robert Lenz, president of the Cedar Valley Snowmobile club says that if the county provides 25% of the cost of a snowmobile trail groomer, the remainder will be paid by state snowmobile license revenues.

County's share would be \$5,580 and the state would pay \$16,740 for the groomer and fencing materials. This does not include maintenance costs, but signs would be provided at no charge by the state.

Lenz said that "we are working to expand our trails and hopefully they will soon cover the entire county. We have most of the easements necessary for the trail between Osage and Mitchell. From there you can always get on the river and ride to St. Ansgar, where the local snowmobile club has a trail up to Carpenter and the Minnesota border. A groomer would be a tremendous help with all the new trails."

Lenz added that nearby counties already have groomers, namely Cerro Gordo and Worth counties. Groomers have proved their worth by being used for other purposes. They are suitable for blizzard emergency and many summer uses such as grooming beaches and swamp use.

Lenz said that snowmobile enthusiasts should write their representatives in support of a law now being considered. It would keep 80% of Mitchell county snowmobile tax revenues right here in the county. The amount would be about \$4900 annually.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schotanus went to Rochester, Minn. to visit her nephew, David Knudson who is a hospital there following a car accident. He is paralyzed from the chest down and will be hospitalized for two or three months.

Friday evening callers at the Anton Pike home were Mr. and Mrs. Jame Shaddy of Minneapolis.

## Resident of the Fortnight



### Louie Torgerson

The Resident of the Fortnight for this week is Louie Torgerson. Louie was born December 28, 1882 on a farm northeast of Lyle, Minn. His parents were Amond and Hansene Torgerson. Louie had three brothers and two sisters. He attended Gregg school north of Lyle.

On June 14, 1905 he married Emma Nelson in DeSmet, S. D. where he homesteaded and was an apprentice barber.

Louie has three daughters Mrs. Glen (Clara) Nelson in Austin, Mrs. Hamlin (Alice) Ashley, near Lyle, and Mrs. Ben (Hazel) Bondank of Florida. He has three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

In visiting with Louie, I find he loves to do wood-working. He told me the lamp by his bed is one he made himself. He also has bird feeders and bird houses all over the United States.

Louie loves to garden. Two years ago his picture was in the Austin Herald for growing the tallest sunflower in the area, it was 12 feet tall. Louie loves to fish. He went to the Canadian border to fish each spring and fall.

Louie had many jobs of interest. He farmed, was owner and operator of the Austin Beauty and Barber Shop, he had apartments he rented out, and he sold real estate as well.

He attended the Six Mile Grove Lutheran church near Lyle. Louie is a man of many interests and to get to share it is a wealth of history. Above is Louie's picture here at the Good Samaritan Center.

## The Alfred Wolffs Observe Anniversary Sunday, November 2

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wolff of St. Ansgar will be honored at an open house reception Sunday, November 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran church basement here on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Alfred Wolff and Mary Hobbs were married November 2, 1935 at the First Congregational church in Osage with the Rev. Leslie Styles officiating. Their attendants were Ted Wolff and Ruth Hobbs. The honorees have lived in the St. Ansgar area all their married life and are the parents of three children. Ronald of Louisville, Ky., Larry of St. Ansgar and Mrs. Leslie (Linda) Brych of rural Orchard. Their children and their families will host the reception to which all relatives and friends are invited.

## Rate Of Gain To Market Pig Show

Average daily gain will be incorporated into the individual market pig classes of the junior livestock show of the Mitchell county fair next year.

Rate of gain is closely correlated with feed efficiency, this means that a fast gaining animal uses less feed per pound of gain and is therefore a more profitable animal, says Dorow.

Considering the rate of gain in the market pig show began to be discussed a year ago. A committee representing vocational agriculture instructors, 4-H leaders, county 4-H committee and the Mitchell County Pork Producers association, agreed upon a procedure at a meeting in Osage October 15.

Four-H and FFA members wishing to bring market pigs to the county fair next year will need to enroll their litters of pigs at the county extension office in Osage within one month of their farrowing date. The farrowing date and identification information will be required.

Members who buy feeder pigs for projects must do so before they exceed 45 lbs. They must report to the extension office the individual weights and identification of each pig that might be their market pig entry at the fair. The age of the pigs will be estimated by adding one and one half days for each pound they weigh as feeder pigs.

The average daily gain will be incorporated into the carcass show so that the daily gain will be about equal in value with the carcass quality in a combined index. It is also expected that the average daily gain will be stamped on the rumps of the individual marker pigs in the live show ring.

Those who met to formulate this plan were Merle Hanson, Dave Hinman, and Marvin Kofoot, St. Ansgar, Robert Mauer, Stacyville and Gary Moore, Lewis Lauterbach and Russell Taets and Dorow of Osage.

More details will be released to members through 4-H leaders and vocational ag instructors.

## New Vehicles

Thorstein and Esther Wamstad of Lyle, Ford; Myron Starry of McIntire, Chevrolet; Margaret Kleinworth of St. Ansgar, Chevrolet; Larry Sonberg of Osage, Chevrolet pickup.

Maynard and Virgie Rake of Osage, Mercury, Cedar Valley REC of St. Ansgar, Chevrolet pickup; Richard and Dora Biederman, Osage, Ford pickup; George and Janice Trowbridge, Stacyville, Ford.

Keith Winkels of McIntire, Ford pickup; Dean Berkas of Osage, Datsun, Harold and Joan Machin of Osage, Buick.

Roger and Phyllis Poppo of Osage, Buick, Donald and Neva Beyer of Osage, Chevrolet.

Jerry Grundel of St. Ansgar, Ford pickup, Linda Lewis of Osage, Pontiac.

## Qualify For Century Farm Designation

Four more farms in Mitchell county have qualified for Century Farm designation and recognition during the Bicentennial Year, according to word received from the Century Farm recognition committee.

Present owners of the designated farms, their location and year they became eligible for Century Farm are as follows:

Olga K. Field, Osage, route 2 (1873); Avanelle Nelson, Lyle, route 1 (1854); Norma J. Nelson, rural St. Ansgar (1869); Nicholas Single, rural Stacyville (1874).

The total of qualified Century Farms is now 3,562 in the state of Iowa. These farms will receive a certificate from this Iowa Department of Agriculture and a farm marker (sign) from the Iowa Farm Bureau during 1976. The Century Farm program has been endorsed by the Iowa American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

The deadline for applying for Century Farm designation and recognition during 1976 is December 31, 1975. Application forms are available at all county Farm Bureau offices and county extension offices.

To qualify for the Century Farm designation, the farm must have been owned by the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1976. The farm must contain at least 80 acres of the original farm. The present owner must be related to the original owner.

## Tots Collect For UNICEF October 26

Boys and girls of St. Ansgar are making last minute preparations for what is hoped will be a record-breaking Halloween Drive for UNICEF and the 25th anniversary of Trick or Treat for UNICEF here on Sunday, October 26 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Local school children dressed as goblins and witches, imps and elves, will be joining millions of American boys and girls across the nation in a special collection for the life sustaining work of the United Nations Children's Fund. Last year local tots collected \$125.25 for UNICEF.

The children who come to your door, holding out the familiar orange and black boxes, will be acting as ambassadors and diplomatic couriers for their less fortunate brothers and sisters all around the world. UNICEF can put any contribution to good use.

Just 27¢ can buy a clinical thermometer which could help save the life of an infant or young child in a village health center. One dollar can deliver enough high protein food to feed three malnourished children for a month.

After making the rounds of homes in the community, local youngsters will be treated to bars and hot chocolate at the St. Ansgar elementary school gym. Girl Scouts will also help with games planned for the tots who Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

You can help local young people help the children of the world by dropping your change in their collection boxes when they call at your house Sunday afternoon.

## Grade School Kids Invited To UNICEF Carnival At Church

All grade school kids of the area are invited to come to the Carnival for UNICEF which will be held Halloween night, Friday, October 31 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Ansgar Catholic church hall.

Test your strength and win a prize! Have your fortune told! Take part in the stuffed animal raffle! Enjoy popcorn and witches brew! There will be many games to test your skill!



## "Run For Life" Benefit

The Osage cross country team won the "Run For Life" benefit race from St. Ansgar to Riceville via Osage Sunday.

They traveled the 30 miles in three hours and 17 minutes. Teams from St. Ansgar and Riceville placed second and third.

Although exact figures were not available yet, reports from the three communities indicated over \$900 had been pledged toward the fight against cancer, said Edgar Dorow, Osage, Mitchell county crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society. He said he was very pleased with the cooperation of the coaches and students of the community high schools in the county and with the response of the people in the communities in supporting them.

Each of the participants ran about five miles. The runners for the Osage Community high school were Lon Walling, Joel Dorow, Brian Marquardt, Kevin Scharper, Joe Schmidt and Dennis Decklewer.

Pictured here are the St. Ansgar Senior high school runners: standing, Steve Dean, Rod Meyer, Chris Brown, kneeling: Joe Christofferson, Mike Hartwig, Jim Dieterich.

Representing the Riceville Community high school were Gary Tuttle, Mark Stewart and Brant Keller. With three of their runners out for illness and other reasons, the Riceville team ran for the last half of the distance.

The originators of the idea for this "Run For Life" benefit, Phil Streit and Dan Durben, also began the race and ran about 21 miles before their lack of conditioning forced them to drop out. They were cross country runners for St. Ansgar a few years ago. Both are from the Stacyville community.

## Larry Bustamantes Painting Contract Manly Nursing Home

Larry Bustamantes of St. Ansgar has been informed that he has been awarded the painting and taping contract for the Manly Health Care Center now being constructed on the east end of Manly.

Bustamantes' contract bid for the painting and taping of the 63 bed facility was for the amount of \$45,337.60. Completion date of the nursing center is April 1, 1976. Larry says he plans to start his painting contract of the home in about four weeks.

## Mitchell Melody Makers Plan Halloween Party

Mitchell Melody Makers held their monthly meeting October 6 at the home of Vicki and Debra Kofoot.

The girls met with their new leader for the first time. They elected officers as follows: Vicki Kofoot, president; Paula Adams, vice president; secretary, Theresa Klsner, treasurer, Diann Meitner, reporter, Debra Kofoot, historian-photographer.

The girls will have a Halloween party October 27. Angela gave a talk on the meter. Paula Adams gave a talk on the gram.

Debra Kofoot, reporter

## Jody Hoffman Charged In Collision After Long Chase

Jody Hoffman of rural St. Ansgar has been charged with speeding (43 miles per hour in a 20 zone), failure to stop for an emergency vehicle and reckless driving as the result of a high speed chase in the county last Friday night.

The chase began on Highway 105 in St. Ansgar at about 8:50 p.m. when Hoffman's car was observed speeding by Chief of Police Dave Zacharias. Hoffman then drove through roadblocks set up on Highway 218 near the Osage city limits and within Osage. At about 9 p.m. the youth attempted to go through a roadblock in the northwest residential area of Osage and struck Chief Zacharias' car.

Hoffman and two passengers in his car were uninjured. Damage to his auto was estimated at \$2,000 and about \$500 damage to the right front fender area of the St. Ansgar police car.

Hoffman is to appear Thursday, October 23 in the Magistrate's court in Osage to face the driving infractions.

## County Road Fatality Is Fifth Of Year

Mitchell county recorded its fifth motor vehicle fatality October 11, according to word received from the Sheriff's office.

Mrs. Walter Lutschwager, 44, of Grace City, N. D. died at a Rochester, Minn. hospital from injuries received in a two-car collision October 10 at 1:45 p.m. at the junction of 112 and A 11 south of McIntire. An auto driven by Mrs. Shirley Hemann of McIntire went out of control and was in collision with a car driven by Walter Lutschwager. Both Lutschwager and Mrs. Hemann are hospitalized and listed in serious condition at a Rochester hospital.

Tom Cummings of Riceville, driving a car one mile south of McIntire struck and killed a cow on the road owned by Roy Richardson. The mishap occurred Sunday, October 12 at about 1:15 p.m. Mrs. Cummings, a passenger in the car, sustained slight injuries. The auto was a total loss, according to Sheriff Richard E. Jahnle who investigated.

Tuesday, October 14 at 8 p.m. there was a two-car collision at the construction site at the four mile corner east of Osage. A car operated by Scott MacDonald of St. Paul, Minn. ran into the rear of an auto driven by Bruce Wynne of Sioux Falls, S.D. About four cars were traveling south when they came to the road closed sign. The first cars stopped, but MacDonald was unable to get his vehicle stopped in time to avoid the collision. Damage to the MacDonald car was estimated at \$400, and there was no damage to the Wynne car. Deputy Sheriff Curt Younker investigated.

## Warning To Farm Vehicles On Highways

Sheriff Richard E. Jahnle reports that his office has received many complaints during this harvest season concerning farm vehicles on the road after dark without a red light on the back wagon.

Also, there have been a few vehicles on the roads in the daytime without a slow moving vehicle sign. Jahnle said that the most common violation has been a tractor operator going down the road after dark with a white light shining from the rear of the tractor.

He said that these violations could mean a summons, and operators of farm slow moving vehicles should acquaint themselves with the law. He added that the fine will be more than the cost of a red lantern that can be wired to the back wagon. Sec 321.384 states that you have to have a red light in the rear from sunset to sunrise or sooner if the weather is foggy, or if there is sleet, rain or snow.

Sec 321.38 states. Every vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be equipped with a lighted rear lamp, exhibiting a red light visible 500 ft. to the rear.

Sec 321.423 Flashing lights. Sub sec 6 Any farm tractor or tractor towing equipment, self-propelled implement of husbandry, and any other vehicle principally designed for use off the highway which when operated on a primary or secondary road, is operated on a highway at a speed of 25 miles an hour or less, shall be equipped with and display an amber flashing light visible from the rear at any time from sunset to sunrise.

Sec. 321.393 states. No lighting device or reflector, when mounted on or near the rear of any motor truck or trailer, shall display any other color than red, except that the stop light may be red, yellow or amber.

Jahnle pointed out that just because you have someone following you with a car or pickup after dark does not exempt you from the above laws.

Also Sec 321.457 (6) reads as follows. No combination of three vehicles coupled together one of which is a motor vehicle, unladen or with load, shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers in excess of 60 feet.

Sheriff Jahnle concluded that he hopes concerned operators will observe the law so that no one will be seriously injured or killed just because careless ones did not take the necessary precautions.

## MINISTER

Dr. C. Raymond Reed, Eldora, presented his first sermon at the age of 17. That was in 1925 and the congregation of the United Methodist church there honored him recently on his 50th anniversary of the ministry.

## Magistrate Court

Shirley Moore of Osage, speeding, \$22 and costs. Ruth Funte of Riceville, speeding, \$20 and costs. Kelly Wilkenon of Cedar Rapids, driving under suspension, two days in the county jail.

Kerry Schorble of Forest City, speeding, \$23 and costs; Gary Schmidt of Charles City, improper muffler, \$10 and costs.

Mark Toppin of Rudd, speeding, \$20 and costs. Anthony Brown of Stacyville, speeding, \$25 and costs. Marvin King of McIntire, improper left turn, \$21 and costs.

Alice Schulz of Mitchell, speeding, \$25 and costs. Timothy Moody, no driver's license, \$10 and costs. Betty Miller of Elkton, Minn., no driver's license, \$10 and costs. Paul Davis of Osage, reckless driving, \$100 and costs.