

**COUNTY NEWS**

**OTTAWA CREEK.**

Albert Aegerter returned home from Chicago last week where he had been seeing the sights of the windy city.

Albert Mzik and family were callers at Cresco last week one day.

Theo. Kratz was a business caller at Cresco last week one day.

Blanche Marlow, teacher in sub-district number four, was a guest at the Theo. Kratz home from Friday to Monday.

Rev. J. R. Nolte, of Cresco, was a guest of a number of his parishioners thru here for part of the week.

Theo. Kratz, Herbert and Amelia were callers at the Rollie Kratz home last week.

Winfield Kratz and family were pleasant callers on relatives at Ridgeway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Kratz, were pleasant shoppers at Ridgeway Saturday.

Elmer Ringoen went to Chicago Saturday night accompanying the Red Cross train.

Amel Koch and son Fred assisted Carl Haakenson at sawing wood last week Wednesday.

Nettie Koch is staying with her sister, Mrs. Robert Vopava, of Sumner twp., these days.

Fred C. Koch was a business caller at Cresco between trains last week Tuesday.

Mrs. Amel Koth and Mrs. Fred C. Koch, son Clinton and Mrs. W. E. Wiedeman were callers at the Carl Haakenson home last week one day.

The Standard Bearers of the German M. E. church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhart last week Thursday evening.

Fred Koch and brother Roy and another visited at the Robert Vopava home in Sumner twp., last week one day, the boys assisting at sawing wood.

Mrs. Leonard Walter, of Florenceville, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kratz the past week.

Mrs. Carl Haakenson and daughter Gale visited former parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amel Koch the other week Friday.

Carl Haakenson and Robert Vopava assisted Amel Koch and son Fred at sawing wood other week.

Charley Hornberger and Harry Wiedeman were marketing hogs a Ridgeway other week.

Neighbors assisted Harry Wiedeman, Amel and Fred Koch at sawing wood other week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Koch entertained other week Thursday the following: Roy Koch and sisters Nettie, Leona and Lizzie, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haakenson, daughter, Gale. All enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hruska and daughter Grace were pleasant callers at the Amel Koch home other week Saturday evening.

Herbert Peter, brothers Walter and Edward, and Otto Leinhart were pleasant callers on private Roy C. Koch recently.

Charley Hornberger and Harry Wiedeman were callers at the Amel Koch home one evening in recent past.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falch, daughters Ollie and Opal from near Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Koch and son Clinton were pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vopava other Sunday.

**CHESTER.**

Mrs. W. T. Howe was a passenger to Lime Springs, Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Phifer was a passenger to Lime Springs, Thursday.

Mrs. Ed Capper returned from Amelia, Ia., last Wednesday evening.

Ernie Roper marketed 58 head of hogs, Friday.

Herbert Maurer autoed to Cresco, Monday.

Mrs. Edmund Dugstad and Grace Halver were Xmas shoppers in the Twin Cities, last week.

Ed Tibbals was a Chester caller, Monday.

Will Laws autoed to Cresco, Saturday, and stored his car there for the winter.

M. R. Jones is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Geo. Spencer is on the sick list.

Glen Kenworthy came down from Owatonna, for an over Sunday at home.

Mrs. Nellie Larson went to the Twin Cities to spend the Holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Hammond.

Emma Boyd is speedily recovering from her illness.

The M. E. church had a wood sawing bee, Tuesday. Thanks to those who helped.

Miss Lann Thomas returned from Dakota, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphrey, of Mason City, were visitors at the D. L. Nichols home, Friday.

Mrs. A. H. Breedlove is on the sick list.

The Camp Fire Girls gave a surprise party for the Boy Scouts at the F. N. Freeman home, Monday eve.

**SCHLEY.**

Eugene Barnes writes that he will be home from France for Christmas.

Johnnie Derr and Mike Barnes were collecting Red Cross subscriptions in their respective districts, Monday and Tuesday.

J. V. Ptacek brayed the rough roads, Sunday, to attend mass in Cresco.

Henry Novak and family were entertained at the I. L. Ferris home, Sunday afternoon.

Joe Urban, who was staying at the Joe Nibauer home the past week, returned to his home at Lourdes, Sunday.

Angeline Barnes spent Saturday afternoon with her cousin, Leone Barnes, in town.

Lillian Svestka returned home, Monday, after spending a few days with her sister Grace in Cresco.

John Barnes and family were shopping in Cresco, Saturday.

John Derr Sr. received a letter from his son Ed, Monday, stating that he was well.

Mrs. Mike Barnes and son Cornelius were Christmas shoppers in Cresco, Friday.

Johnnie Derr delivered a nice bunch of geese to Cresco, Saturday, for which he received top price.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Paul and daughter visited at the Chas. Decker home, Sunday.

Charles Frank entertained friends at his home, Sunday evening.

Abbie Conry, of Lourdes, did dress-making at the Frank Barnes home, the first of the week.

Chas. Frank visited Herman Gassett, Sunday afternoon.

Will Conry, of Lourdes, was a caller in this burg, Friday. It is understood that Will has become proprietor of the Fisher store at Lourdes. He has the best wishes for success from his friends in this part of the country.

Joe Urban gathered cream on Joe Nibauer's route for J. V. Ptacek, Friday.

Joe Leonard had the misfortune of breaking his wagon on his way to Cresco, Monday. This may give some idea of the bad roads in this vicinity at the present time.

**WEST NEW OREGON.**

Peter Rink and family moved to Cresco Monday, living in north part town, Mr. Cable, from Waterloo, having bought the farm.

Albert Havorka made a business trip to Cresco Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Volkering entertained company Sunday evening.

Fred Harnoss delivered his hogs at Ridgeway.

Celia Havorka is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Henry Novak.

Alva Specht and Leo Baker helped Fred and Henry Rink deliver cattle at Cresco last Thursday.

John Miller helped Peter Rink move Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Volkering and baby and Marie Polansky spent Monday afternoon at the Joe Burri home.

Wm. Valvoda is busy hauling wood from the Lou Shore place.

Frank Jacobs is helping John Drilling building a shed for his cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Specht and baby spent Sunday afternoon with Cresco friends.

Leona and Wilme Huber are on the sick list, but are some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Catton and family moved to Green Mountain, Fla., for their future home.

Albert Hovorka and son Louis delivered hogs at Cresco Friday.

**ALBION.**

Mrs. Will Nolan enjoyed a visit with a sister from Preston, the past week.

J. A. Holcomb has been quite poorly of late.

D. W. Easler, of Kendallville, spent Monday at the J. W. Wells home.

Frances Henke, of Cresco, was an over Sunday visitor at the John Pierce home.

Our community was shocked at hearing of the death of Mrs. Anna Hayes which occurred at the Rochester hospital Friday of last week, and the remains were brought to Cresco, Saturday.

We learn that Mrs. John Barrett continues quite poorly.

The doctor was called to see Mrs. C. B. Ashley, recently. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. John McEvitt concluded her visit at the J. W. Wells home, this week, and returned to her home in Monticello, Thursday.

The Albion S. S. is planning for Xmas exercises at the church Xmas eve. Everybody welcome.

**Notice to the Farmers.**

An in the market for flax straw that is dry. Loose straw will have to be delivered within the next thirty days.

17-3t Sam Feldstein.

**Wood For Sale!**

Standing timber for sale, 4 1/2 miles northeast of Cresco.

MATT. DRILLING.

**SARATOGA.**

Bert Miles made a trip to Riceville Saturday.

Mildred Kakas called at the Dedic home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Viebrock and son Vernon, who have been staying with relatives in Sioux City, came home Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Wallace called at the Frank Wallace home Tuesday.

Godfrey Buresh and son George and daughter Elizabeth called at the Anderlick home Tuesday afternoon.

John Gramam, of Bassett, Iowa, who has been spending a few days with his brother Chris Graham, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lockie entertained company Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Aberg and daughter Helen called at the Aberg home on Thursday.

Bill Beathke called at the parental home Wednesday.

Mrs. Martin Aberg spent a few days at home last week.

Peter Kraft made a short call at the Carl Beathke home Saturday.

Lulu Schreiber went to Cresco on Saturday to do some Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beathke called on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kraft Saturday afternoon.

Lulu Schreiber called on her aunt, Mrs. Henry Henning Saturday evening.

Elsie Michelson was a Christmas shopper in Saratoga Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelsey and daughter Theo were pleasant callers at the George Jackney home Tuesday.

George Jackney made a short call on Henry Kraft Sunday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henning and Mrs. Robinson were pleasant callers at the Lew Henning home Tuesday afternoon.

Norbert Anderlick spent Sunday at the parental home.

Peter Kraft made a short call at the F. C. Beathke home Tuesday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Erbe and daughter Anna were pleasant callers at the John Erbe home Sunday.

Ernest Kraft spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mrs. Alfred Miles called at the Henry Foss home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Roy Sigler and daughter Joyce called at the Henry Henning home Monday afternoon.

Anna Kraft called on Phyllis Jackney Sunday afternoon.

Howard Watsons, who have been sick with the "Flu," are reported to be on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Graham and John Graham, called at the Aberg home Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Citek called at the Aberg home Sunday.

Will Schall of Barronette, Wis., spent Sunday with friends in Saratoga.

Albert Nelson made a trip to Riceville Tuesday.

Mrs. Fonek called on Mrs. Ruzicka Monday.

Mrs. George Enos and daughter Alice were pleasant callers at the Aberg home Monday afternoon.

Ed and Ernest Schreiber called at the John Erbe home Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Aberg and daughter Helen called at the George Enos home Sunday.

Mildred Kakas and Alice Miles made a short call on Frances Dedic Tuesday evening.

Phyllis Jackney called on Anna Kraft Tuesday evening.

**RIDGEWAY.**

Harold Jordahl came home from Camp Dodge Saturday.

Chester Carrothers went to Manchester, Iowa, Friday to spend the week end there with his folks.

John Greenslade of Bluffton spent Sunday here with friends.

Ada Griffith and Dorothy Schuetz were at Cresco Tuesday between trains.

Miss Musmaker returned from Rockford, Ill., Wednesday where she had been for a few days to see her sister who was sick.

Hazel Blackburn was at Cresco on Tuesday afternoon between trains.

Trygve and Nels Jordahl, Lawrence Qualley, Justine Q. Iverson are now home from Luther college spending a few weeks with home folks.

Axel Delf came from Camp Dodge the first of the week.

School will close here Friday for one week's Christmas vacation, beginning again the first Monday after Christmas.

Epworth League next Sunday evening, Dec. 22, will be led by Ethel Brinkman and Lavonne Schuetz.

John Butz left Tuesday morning for Hope, N. D., to visit relatives.

A Christmas tree and program will be given at the M. E. church Tuesday evening, Dec. 24. Everybody invited.

Elmer Ringoen, Gus Lomen and Nick Schuetz went to Chicago Saturday with the Red Cross pigs.

Ester Brekke and a girl friend from Forest City came Saturday evening.

Earl Libbey was at Cresco Monday afternoon.

Preaching services next Sunday a. m. at the M. E. church at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Preaching services in the evening at 7:30. Special music.

Mrs. N. C. Putnam and Mrs. S. L. Bear were at Cresco shopping one day last week.

Mrs. R. G. Baker spent Wednesday with Cresco friends.

**LIME SPRINGS.**

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lidtke were Cresco visitors Thursday.

Mrs. W. T. Howe, of Chester, was a guest at the G. W. Moar home Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. J. B. Cray went to Fayette on Saturday afternoon to visit her sister Lucile who is attending school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Knuth were Cresco visitors Thursday.

A. Smith, east of town, received the sad news last week of the death of Mrs. Joe Smith. Mrs. Smith will be remembered as Sadie Bush.

Earl Lohius and Mr. Henderson, of near Cherry Grove, arrived home last Tuesday morning, having received an honorable discharge from the army.

Lucile Elwood arrived home Tuesday noon to spend the Christmas holidays.

Guy Whitford went to Austin Sunday morning with four car loads of stock.

A. J. Cray was a business caller at Cresco Tuesday.

The Lime Springs High School boys went to Osage last Friday and beat the boys there 27 to 15 in a basket ball game.

C. A. Peterson autoed to Rochester Tuesday.

Miles Graf of Minneapolis was a Lime Springs visitor Tuesday.

Rita Stevens is now located in a hospital in Chicago.

The Presbyterian ladies served a chicken dinner Thursday evening to a large crowd. The supper was fine and the proceeds together with the proceeds of the bazaar netted them a large sum.

**Red Cross Notes.**

There are lots more pajamas to be made and lots more sewers are needed. The pajamas have to be completed by the 31st.

The Red Cross drive is on. Get in on this great work. Actual fighting is over but problems created by the war remain and the Red Cross has to face them. Now is when home service is put to the test. This is no time to let down or the Red Cross will fall in its responsibility.

**M. E. Church.**

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Over 100 were present last Sunday and two weeks ago. We can easily make the attendance 125 next Sunday. Will you help?

The pastor will preach and the choir will have special Christmas music at 11 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. A fine attendance and interesting meeting on last Sunday evening. Eva Gue was the leader.

Public worship at 7:30 p. m. Miss Evans of Chicago, sang a beautiful solo at last Sunday evening's service.

The Christmas program by the Sunday school will be given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 24.

Verna Davis and Lola Jones sang very sweetly for the special opening number of the S. S. last Sunday morning. The "On Timers" were noticeably increased in number.

**PROTIVIN.**

A Merry Christmas to one and all. Leonard Fencil, who is attending college at Prairie du Chien, Wis., came home Monday.

John J. Mikesch autoed to Cresco on Friday. His daughter Clara, who attends school at that place, accompanied him home.

Martin Kalishek left Tuesday for Lisbon, N. D., being called there by the death of his son-in-law, Frank E. Ira.

James Chyle and J. D. Bouska were at Cresco Thursday.

Adelaide Novak, who has been staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emil Polashek, at Alta Vista, arrived home Sunday.

Fred Lukes, Sr., came home from Rochester, Minn., where he has been taking treatment at the hospital.

Dr. Jinderlee of Cresco, was vaccinating in this locality Saturday for the "Flu."

W. M. Kalishek was a business caller in Jackson Junction Friday.

William Polashek returned to his school duties at Alta Vista Sunday after a week's stay at home.

**HOWARD CENTER.**

Mrs. C. Stokes and daughters Bessie and Polly visited at the Ray Long home Sunday.

R. Gager and C. Buck were Cresco callers on day last week.

Willie Shea spent Sunday with the home folks.

C. Stokes was a Bonair caller on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Dyer visited at the G. Hoppie home Sunday.

James Smith was a Cresco caller on Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Dinger returned Monday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. A. Braun, of Davenport, Iowa, who has been very ill, but we are glad to note is improving at this writing.

R. Long and family spent Sunday evening at the George Hoppie home.

Chas. Long was a Cresco caller on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoppie and son Leonard visited at the James Smith home Wednesday.

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