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Comets Upset Strong Le Mars Quintet, 39-35

Hawarden Holds Scant Margin Throughout Game; Leads To Play Here Tomorrow Night

The season's most exciting basketball duel was fought here Friday night when the Comets edged the favored Le Mars Bulldogs, 39 to 35.

The Bulldogs held the lead during the first few minutes, but a field goal by Gerdes put the Comets out in front late in the first period. The score was tied several times throughout the contest, but the Bulldogs never quite managed to regain the lead.

The score at halftime was 22-18, in favor of the Comets. With four minutes remaining this margin was increased to 7 tallies. A spirited Bulldog rally closed the gap to two points. With six seconds remaining, Duane Goetsch dribbled to midcourt and shot a perfect goal.

Garry Gerdes was high point man for the evening with 19.

Paul Rush, Burt Britzmann and Garry Gerdes were all ejected from the game via the foul route.

The Comets also won the preliminary, 36 to 27.

On Friday night the Leeds Lancers will be here for a Tristate conference engagement. The Lancers have a tall scrappy quintet that will provide stiff competition. To date they have dropped only two close contests, to East and Central at Sioux City.

The Comets have a .666 percentage with a record of six victories as against three defeats.

IRETON GIRL, 6, HURT IN ACCIDENT

Judy Becker, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Becker of Ireton, was brought to the Hawarden hospital Monday after she had suffered a fracture of the right leg above the ankle.

Judy was about to get into the Leo Rodenburg car after being dismissed from school. She was struck by a car coming over the hill, which was driven by a son of Ernest Meyers.

Judy also suffered bruises on her face and from shock.

J. T. Johnson Goes To Pierre

J. T. Johnson, representative in the South Dakota legislature from Union county, went to Pierre New Years day to be present at the opening session last week. Mr. Johnson has represented Union county in the legislature for several terms.

Business Men Will Select 8

Entire Membership to Vote On Nominees to Board of Directors Of Chamber of Commerce

Nominees to the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be chosen by vote of the membership this week, it was decided at a meeting of the Chamber Monday night.

Nomination ballots will be given or mailed to members in the near future.

Automatically on the ballot will be four members whose terms have expired: George Hirschman, Chet Schoereman, George Downing and Harry Lankhorst. Other directors whose terms expire but who turned in notice not to be candidates for re-election are Lynn Booth and R. T. Gebbie.

Eight business men will be nominated to complete the slate of 12 candidates for the election at the annual meeting late this month.

Members of the board whose terms do not expire this year are Jay Gendler, Henry Visser, Dr. R. E. Thompson, H. B. Schwiesow, D. E. Bilsky and C. J. Burlington.

Craig Minister Given New Car

The congregation of St. John's Lutheran church of Craig presented their pastor, Rev. W. K. Schmidt and his family, with a new Chevrolet car, last Sunday. The presentation was made by H. J. Ludwigs, following the morning service. The new car is completely equipped, including license.

When Rev. Schmidt began his ministry at Craig two years ago he was presented with a new refrigerator as a token of welcome.



Photo by Leo O'Rourke

Coach Francis Jones of Sioux Center goes up in the air to sink a setup for the C & W Fleeeline team of Hawarden in the independent basketball tournament last Thursday. This shot helped Hawarden defeat Company K of Le Mars, 59 to 52. In other games the same night Le Mars Merchants defeated Lester and Alcester eliminated Vermillion.

Court Tourney Here Will End In Next Week

Hawarden and Lester to Battle Tonight for Right to Remain In Independent Tournament

The Fleeelines of Hawarden and Lester will battle it out tonight in a basketball game which will eliminate one of the four remaining teams in the double elimination tournament being staged at Hawarden high school's gymnasium.

Sunday afternoon the once-defeated Alcester quintet will face the possibility of being ousted by the Le Mars Merchants, only squad still unbeaten in the tourney.

Finals of the event may be played next Monday night providing no team is able to upset the strong Merchants.

If Le Mars wins Sunday and then whips the winner of tonight's Hawarden-Lester fray, the tournament will end Monday night. A Le Mars upset would throw the tourney into an extra night of competition.

As things now stand, two games are scheduled for Monday night. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Mrs. Martin Johnson of Alcester entered the Hawarden hospital Monday as a medical patient.



STRIKE OR SPLIT?—Mrs. E. H. Von Glan has her eyes on the pins as she throws one down the alleys for the Phillips 66 team at the Hawarden Recreation Center. Mrs. Von Glan, who has a league average of 107, wins three free lines of bowling with publication of the above picture in today's Independent.

Photo by Leo O'Rourke

Christmas Seal Record Set For 3d Straight Year

Hawarden and Chatsworth Residents Contribute \$700 to Help Fight Tuberculosis

An all time record in Christmas seal contributions was set by residents of the Hawarden and Chatsworth vicinities when they donated \$700.21 during the last six weeks, Mrs. Earl Mallette, campaign chairman, announced today.

The total contributed was slightly more than the amount collected in last year's previously high record of \$697.

Other members of the committee in charge of the campaign were Miss Anne Lind and Mrs. Mabel Van Allen. The drive began with the mailing of Christmas seals early in December.

Each of the last three years has resulted in new Christmas seal records being established here.

"We wish to thank the people of Hawarden, the grade school teachers and pupils who so generously purchased Christmas seals," the committee stated today. "We also wish to thank the business houses, individuals and the Junior Red Cross, who purchased bonds and we thank the Hawarden Independent for the wonderful publicity given to our campaign."

To Hold Joint Installation

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will hold joint installation of recently elected officers Friday evening, January 14. Refreshments will be served by the following committee: Marie Hodgson, Myrtle Gunderson, Josie Marshall, Maude Skogman, Grace and Harley Whittington, Ethel and Art Davis and Fern Keehn.

Central Cafe In Hawarden Sold

Restaurant Purchased by Storm Lake Man from Barendregt; To Become Effective Feb. 1

Pete Barendregt this week announced the sale of the Central cafe in Hawarden to Forrest Ray of Storm Lake, effective February 1.

Mr. Ray is a former cafe operator at Corning and owner of an ice cream store at Storm Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Barendregt, who purchased the cafe from Glenn Aldrich two years ago, plan to go to California with the possibility of locating there. The children will stay with his parents at Forest City while the Barendregts make the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray, who will occupy the present Barendregt apartment, will be accompanied to Hawarden by a son, 21. They have a daughter living at Beresford.

March of Dimes Campaign To Begin in Hawarden Friday



The Harding family of Sioux Falls, S. D., suffered a double tragedy when polio struck down 12-year-old Connie Harding (shown above) and killed her mother. In the midst of her grief, Connie began making and selling dolls for the March of Dimes.

FORMER FARM LAD HERE TO TALK AT SERVICES SUNDAY

George Estel Hines, former Hawarden farm youth who just before Christmas returned to the United States from China where he was a missionary, will speak at Sunday morning services of the Baptist church.

Mr. Hines was forced to leave China because of acute war conditions. A pot luck dinner will be served at the church after the services.

Merlin Waggoner To Sell Gravel, Mixed Concrete

Merlin Waggoner has leased, from Morris Kvols, a tract of land in the northwest edge of Hawarden which will be stripped for gravel. He said he plans to put in a plant at the gravel pit and manufacture ready mixed concrete and will also sell washed gravel.

Mr. Waggoner, who lives northwest of Hawarden, will hold a farm sale February 9. He will come to Hawarden to live. His new residence on Avenue I is nearing completion and he and his family plan to move into it about March 1.

Mr. Waggoner said he will continue his dirt and excavation work as in the past.

Mrs. McDonald, Pioneer, Dies

Services Held Yesterday Afternoon For Resident of This Vicinity for 63 Years

Mrs. Mary McDonald, 87, a pioneer resident of this vicinity for 63 years, died Monday morning at the S. R. McAninch home for the aged. Mrs. McDonald was bedfast for three weeks before her death.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Barnard Funeral home with Rev. B. Roy Brown of the Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Grace Hill cemetery.

Mary Schoonmaker, daughter of Henry and Margaret Schoonmaker, was born March 9, 1861, at Winnebago, Ill. There she grew to womanhood and married James McDonald in 1885. After her marriage she came to this vicinity, locating on a farm 8 miles southeast of Hawarden. She lived on the farm 37 years when she and her husband came to Hawarden to live. The last eight years she has lived at the McAninch home.

Survivors are five daughters and one son, Mrs. Gertie Dick of Alcester, Mrs. Rose Freestone of Seattle, Miss Lottie McDonald of New York City, Mrs. Lillian Bradford of Los Angeles, Mrs. Florence Chamberlin of Portland, Ore., and Elmer of Armour, S. D.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Her husband and three children preceded her in death.

Begin Plans For Annual Meeting

Program of Entertainment And Business Discussion Scheduled By Chamber of Commerce

Tentative plans for a program of entertainment and business discussion at the Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting in Hawarden were discussed at a monthly meeting Monday night. The annual meeting probably will be held the last week of this month. Henry Visser and Lynn Booth were appointed to work with President Harry Lankhorst to present a proposed budget for 1949.

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a community calendar for 1950, it was decided Monday night. Mr. Lankhorst asked the merchants of Hawarden to consider the community calendar before placing other orders. The last community calendar was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Also at Monday's meeting members heard a report on a separate promotion of pre-Christmas business activities by the Hawarden Independent. The program included the mailing of more than 500 specially printed Chamber programs for the month of December and sample copies of the newspaper for that period.

Patrick Leaves For Des Moines

R. A. Patrick left last Friday for Des Moines to attend the Iowa legislature. He is Sioux county's representative.

Mr. Patrick went to Des Moines with Mr. Lucas, Plymouth county's representative.

Lutheran Minister



Pictured above is Rev. H. E. Sieving who was scheduled to arrive in Hawarden today to take over the pastorate of the Trinity Lutheran church. Rev. Sieving, who will be accompanied to Hawarden by his wife and sons, will be installed at services this Sunday.

All of Sioux County to Cooperate In Swelling Fund to Combat Infantile Paralysis

The March of Dimes campaign for funds to fight infantile paralysis will get under way in Sioux county tomorrow, January 14, with a goal of \$2,000 set for Hawarden.

County Chairman Eva Trebon told assembled town and township chairmen at the annual meeting held last

Mrs. John Dalton, local chairwoman of the March of Dimes campaign Monday in Hawarden to raise the \$2,000 quota. She has selected nine captains, each of whom will have a district to work. Each captain will also have a co-worker.

Wednesday at Rock Valley that a goal of \$20,000 has been set for the county. This larger amount is necessary, she said, due to the exceptionally heavy 1948 expenditures and possible need for the coming year.

In announcing the 1949 goal, Chairman Trebon pointed out that better than \$14,000 had been spent in Sioux county during the serious epidemic of last year. \$8,000 of this was provided by the national foundation. Thirty-four Sioux county patients were treated and cared for, she added—the highest number in any county in the state. A total of 273 were cared for over the state.

More equipment is needed in the county, she told the attending chairmen. Now available are hot pack machines in Orange City, Ireton, Hawarden and Rock Valley and a respirator is located at Orange City. Additional equipment is needed against the possibility of another serious outbreak.

Importance of the coming campaign and necessity of attaining all town and township goals was stressed by the county chairman and other speakers at the meeting. All residents in the county were urged to contribute generously in this fight to prevent and stamp out polio.

Town and township chairmen and goals set for each are as follows:

Alton — Mrs. Ruby Mulder, \$700; Boyden — H. Van Houte, \$350; Granville — Mrs. Joe Bachman, \$200; Hawarden — Mrs. John Dalton, \$2,000; Hospers — Mrs. Arthur Wierks, \$400; Hull — Ben Bonestroo, \$825; Ireton — Mrs. Sadie Vander Veen, \$450.

Maurice — Clifford Huesenkeld, \$150; Orange City — Pier Wiersma, \$1,500; Rock Valley — Miss Eva Trebon, \$1,200; Sioux Center — Mrs. Luella Duistemaars, \$1,200; Matlock — Mrs. Bertha Mammenga, \$100; Chatsworth — Mrs. Joel Burnight, \$100; Newkirk — Peter Groen, \$50.

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Conservation Meeting Held

Adult Farm Class Next Wednesday Will Feature Part Played By Triple A in Conservation

Next Wednesday's adult farm class in Hawarden high school will feature a talk by Dewey Cornell of Des Moines, AAA fieldman, on the Triple A Part in Soil Conservation.

The meeting will start at 7:30. It is being sponsored by J. A. Armstrong, district AAA delegate.

Tuesday night 65 farmers heard an explanation of the organization of a soil conservation district by Joe Colgan, conservationist from Spencer, and J. E. Ellis, Sioux county extension director. Soil district technicians and officials from Yankton, S. D., also spoke.

Petition carriers were named for each of the townships near Hawarden in Iowa.

Births in County Outnumber Deaths Nearly Three to 1

Births outnumbered deaths nearly three to one in Sioux county during 1948, the clerk of courts office announced today.

The births of 559 babies were recorded as compared to 198 deaths. There were 263 marriage licenses issued and 10 divorces were granted.

Vital statistics for 1947 were: 563 births, 162 deaths, 286 marriages and 10 divorces.