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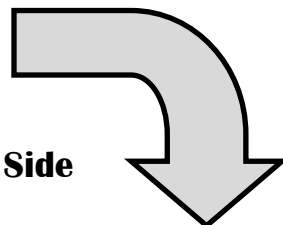
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Above: Eddie Hanna with the Tommy Bishop Band. Above right, Class of 1945. Right, in the U. S. Army.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

A special welcome to our new annual members:

Eric Driggs

Dorothy Gilbert

Jeanette Lauritsen

JOIN!

Do you have a Table Rock friend who is not yet a member? Tell them to give us their name and address and a \$10 membership fee (renewable yearly in January) and we will make them a member. Lifetime membership is \$100.

HOW MANY QUESTIONS CAN YOU ANSWER? (Answers on page 11)

1. Which church was or has been in Table Rock for 160 years?
A. Catholic Church B. Christian Church
C. Presbyterian Church D. Methodist Church
2. How many Czech musicians from Table Rock are in the Polka Hall of Fame?
A. 1 B. 2
D. 3 D. 4
3. Who was the teacher at the Bunker Hill Country School, District 35, for the school year 1929–1930? *Hint: see the picture below.*
A. Alice Covault B. Bessie Rexroth
C. Naoma Schuetz D. Fannie Norris
4. Who did NOT set a record for the 100m dash?
A. Jim Wright, in 1977
B. Glevon Covault, in 1979
C. Daryl Buchholz, in 1988



5. What Table Rock person now living in the Table Rock area is NOT descended from a pioneer who came here in 1858 or before.
A. Al McClintock B. Jerry Vrtiska
C. Gary Buchholz D. Lavon Covault
E. Dorothy Gilbert

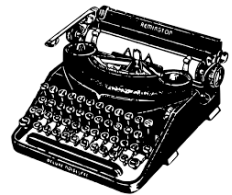


6. How many people combined are buried in the Bohemian Cemeteries east of Table Rock and south of Humboldt.
A. More than in Wilbur's Bohemian cemetery
B. At least 2,000
C. More than in Chicago's Bohemian cemetery.
D. More than in Bohemian cemeteries in the entire state of Minnesota

7. How many wood school buildings have there been in the town of Table Rock?

A. 2 B. 4
C. 5 D. None of the above,

8. The first high school "commercial" class was taught in 1917. Did they have a typewriter?
A. Yes B. No.



The left, a hint for question 3 above.

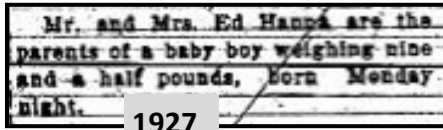
Front row: Robert Laun, Elsie Laun, Virginia Stepan, Rudolph Vrtiska, Jr., & Betty Stepan

Middle row: Dwain Cole, Jewel Dean Anderson, Everette Anderson, & Myrtle Cole

Back row: Emil Michal, the teacher in question, Rudolph Michal, & Glenn Anderson

A TRIBUTE TO THE INEFFABLE EDDIE HANNA

By Sharla Cerra



1927

When someone dies, the obituary usually tells the cold facts. These are Ed Hanna's.

He was born in Table Rock in 1927 to Anna and Edd Hanna, joining sisters Elsie and Evelyn. He graduated from high school in 1945, attended the University of Nebraska for a while, then went into the service; he served in occupied Japan. He returned to get a degree in music education at Peru. While still at Peru, in 1949 he started the Tommy Bishop Band, which he led for 60 years. After college, he taught, music then became an insurance agent. In the meantime, he married Betty Rademacher and stayed married for 67 years. They had five children, Deborah, Teresa, Steve, Dan, and Tom. At age 85, he was inducted into the Sokol Polka Hall of Fame as a bandleader. He died on July 28, 2017. He had 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

When someone dies, the celebration of their life begins with stories.

The Eddie Hanna that I knew for a sadly-short time joked about how small in stature he was. In our first conversation, which was in 2014, he recited a poem. "We had a Christmas program," he began. "Mrs. A. R. Kovanda assigned only a few lines to me."

He stood straight and recited it: "I'm not very big, and I will probably not amount to much, but I wish you a Merry Christmas,

anyway." He smiled. "Can you imagine that, assigning that to a little boy?" I then and there acquired a dislike of Mrs. A.R. Kovanda. But Eddie knew that she had been wrong. That's why he was so confident in sharing this anecdote.

Eddie was quick with stories about Table Rock people.

I called him after his classmate Joe Sochor died to ask for a few words for a tribute in the newsletter about a man he had known since kindergarten. Eddie jumped in with a shocking statement, "I did not like that guy, not one bit." Then he launched into a hilarious telling about how Joe could build about anything and Eddie had two left thumbs and it just wasn't fair!

Another time I asked about Dr. Ed McCrea, who had delivered him into the world. With hardly a beat, he again was a raconteur. He began, "My dad had a Whippet, a car, you know. One day I was riding with him and the door came open. 'Catch that door, Eddie,' my dad hollered. I never was very big, and I reached out and grabbed the door handle and the door threw me out on the street right in front of the theater. My dad picked me up and took me in to the store there. 'Better take him to Dr. McCrea,' they said. It turned

out I had a broken leg. They put me on a board and then into the back window of a Model A and took me home. Dr. McCrea set my leg there." Eddie described a harsh technique but added, "I've had no trouble with my leg since." Then

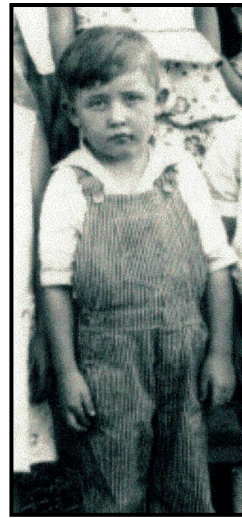
he launched right into another story. "A kid fell off the merry-go-round and hurt his arm. Our teacher, Miss Irwin, was tough as nails. She told me to walk him to Dr. McCrea's office. I did not want to do that. I was not very strong. At Dr. McCrea's, I tried not to look, I hated that kind of thing, but Dr. McCrea said, 'Come over here, Eddie, I need your help.'" The student's right forearm was broken and I had to hold his elbow

while Dr. McCrea stretched his arm to straighten and set the bone. I thought I would die."

Dolores Sochor has stories. Eddie was a double cousin. She was also one of the Table Rock kids who went to school with Eddie from Kindergarten through high school graduation.

Dolores remembers Eddie as a small boy who worked very hard to help his struggling family. As Eddie's daughter Teresa said, "They were very poor, you know. They didn't even have running water, had to go across the street for water." Dolores says Eddie's family lived in a tiny white house on

the south side of the highway, which is still there. It was well known that his father was not a good provider. Eddie's mother



Kindergarten

L-R: Parents Edd and Anna Hanna, Mrs. A. R. Kovanda, Joe Sochor, Miss Nelle Irwin, & Dr. Ed McCrea



Anna worked at the school as a cook, an extraordinary cook by all accounts but that's another story. Eddie took as many odd jobs as he could. Dolores remembers one of them, that for a long time he was janitor for the Methodist Church, and his job included stoking the furnace during cold weather.

He was a quiet boy, she says. She suspects that two events formed his future. The first was that their third grade school teacher decided to put on an operetta. It was Hansel and Gretel and all the grade school kids were in it. "Everybody



*Eddie & Dolores,
6th Grade (1938)*

got to sing," she says, "All of us." She adds, "Eddie was a robber. There was a den of robbers and he was one of them." It was his first performance. He later picked up playing the saxophone and did not flinch at playing solos.

The other event happened when they were in high school. It was war time. Dolores remembers that the high school teachers who were eligible to serve enlisted. Their 9th grade sponsor, Faye Webb, enlisted in the Navy. The students put on a special farewell program for him. Eddie was the M.C. "It was his first time to do anything like that," she says. "He was a natural."

Dolores remembers that Eddie played football – he had to because Table Rock had an 11-man team and he was one of only 12 boys in high school. However, his real love was basketball. Dolores produced issues of the Echo, the high school paper. They reported details of some of the games and Eddie was

almost always the high scorer..

Willard Binder, another classmate throughout their school days, remembers a basketball game against Pawnee City when they were in the 7th or 8th grade. "Pawnee had a kid that was about 6'2" and that was pretty tall for 7th or 8th grade," Willard says. "Well, Eddie took the ball and dribbled right between that kid's legs then did a layout – 2 points!"

Eddie loved and played basketball to the end of his life. His children say that they grew up playing basketball with him. When the weather was bad, there was always a basketball hoop in the basement. "We played hours of '21'," he said. "He was incapable of missing."

Eddie loved music even more than basketball. When inducted into the Hall of Fame, he said, "After the word of God, music deserves the highest praise." Willard remembers, "Eddie was always exceptional with music. It kind of just rolled out of him." Dolores remembers that even in school Eddie, like herself, often played with local Czech bands, usually filling in for a missing player. Eddie himself remembered those times fondly. He said that Dolores played drums and later piano, Joe Sochor was on bass, he was on sax. They played places like the Opera House and the dance hall on the south side of the hotel.

He stayed active in school. In the junior class play, Mumbo Jumbo, a "spooky mystery," he played PeeWee Smith. In the senior class play, Girl Shy, Joe Sochor played Tom Arsdale

"who is girl shy" and Eddie played Oke Stinson "who isn't."

It seems that Eddie may have played the part of a ladies' man in high school. The Echo reported New Years resolutions one year, with Eddie resolving "to do his best in everything and to look his best for the girls." In the senior class will, he willed "his ability of making love and winning hearts to Paul Marfice." Willard Binder then willed his "quiet disposition to Paul hoping to keep Paul from breaking too many hearts, as Eddie has."

He had a serious side, too. He was voted "the boy who has demonstrated best sportsmanship" and the "boy who has done most for the school."



**9th Grade
Gaining
Confidence
(1941)**

The Tommy Bishop Band continued to play. Who was Tommy Bishop? "I made him up," Eddie said.



"Table Rock" Bob Blecha, another saxophone player in local Czech bands, says that Eddie thought the name sounded imposing; it was an eight-piece big band and the name seemed to fit. It worked, too. Eddie gave examples of how well the name worked. "One time this guy came up to the band after the dance, a little tipsy. He wanted to complain to Tommy Bishop about the music. Where is that guy, he

demanded. I told him that Tommy Bishop had already gone home."

Eddie and his wife loved to travel to places including not only the Old Country but also Africa, South America, and China. However, his daughter Teresa emphasizes, "My dad loved Table Rock most of all. I mean, he loooved Table Rock."

His daughter Deborah says, "We will never know all the stories, but though there were many struggles, he was to the end, a man always grateful for the blessings that he did have and one who never felt life was unfair, the cup always half full."

Eddie Hanna's last appearance in Table Rock was as the M.C. at the 2016 alumni banquet. He was his inef-fable self, a suave wisecracker, quick on his feet.

He ended the night with his trademark query, "Is everybody happy!?" Then his trademark cheer. "Hip hip hurray for Table Rock," he called. "Hip hip!" The the alumni took up the cheer. "Hurray!" "Hip hip hurray! Hip hip hurray!" It

made everyone feel happy and good. That was Eddie. And to Eddie and his wonderfully-led life I say, "Hip hip hurray! Hip hip hurray!" It



ABOVE; Dancing at Table Rock, With his mom Anna and sisters Evelyn and Elsie.

RIGHT: *Playing with the Tommy Bishop Band for Veterans Day at the Nebraska State Fair, 2002*

BELOW: *Traveling with wife Betty, & playing basketball with his grandchildren*



was a swisher!



TABLE ROCK, NEBR., FRIDAY DECEMBER 22, 1916

Santa Claus Masks at the Belshaw Phcy. The Busy Drugstore.

FOR SALE—A good Poland China male hog. John Heer, phone 97.

We have an especially cheap price on Xmas candy and nuts—Norris.



Right: Belshaw Pharmacy delivery car sitting on south side of square, shared by member Elizabeth Wilkins.



Left: This is Margaret Muscheites Hunt's picture, shared by her daughter Terry Korell. Margaret wrote on the back that it was taken in 1925, four years before she was born. Her brother Fred Muscheites was about 7. The home in which the picture was taken had been built by Margaret's great grandparents James H. and Margaret Lane Purcell and her grandparents and then parents had also lived there. It was due north of the ballfield, at the top of the hill, on the right. The house burned to the ground when she was three. They are difficult to see in the picture, but she pointed out that on the tree there were "lovely lighted candles, glass parrots with spun glass tails, strings of blown glass bead ornaments, and tinsel-shaped ornaments."

TABLE ROCK, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1959

Grade Pupils of Mrs. Covault's Room See Interesting Things On Shuss Farm Near Here

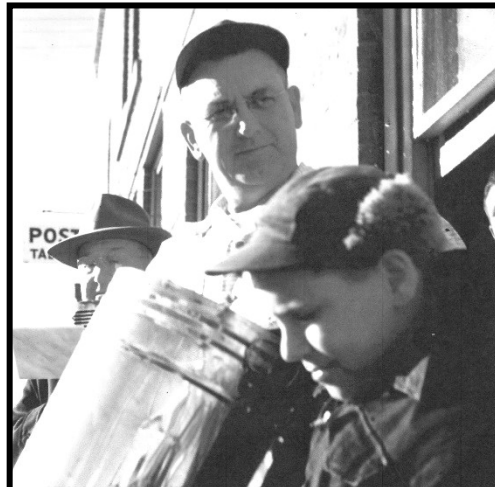
Mrs. Alice Covault and her 4th and 5th grade pupils saw some unusual things in a trip to the Junius Shuss farm recently. The twenty-two pupils of her room went on a bus driven by Louis Jassa, and were accompanied by Mrs. Avis Taylor. The prime purpose of the excursion was to fell a Christmas tree for the room and bring it back to decorate it.

But the pupils became interested in the unique, almost-historic aspects of the Shuss farm northwest of Table Rock. They saw a log house built in 1874, still in

good condition; a barn built and held together by wooden pegs; an old smoke-house with its savory scent of hickory; and a unique water system, which brought water from a pasture some distance away into a tank reservoir in the house, and an overflow which fed the stock tanks in the barn lots. The flow of fresh water could be controlled by levers in the house.

It was an interesting experience for the youngsters, who are more or less accustomed to more modern methods, and it would also be interesting for anyone else to see.

Next to the bank for a Christmas raffle on Trade Day, Dutch Lang and John Senft.



CHARLIE WOOD RACES TO REACH HIS DYING WIFE'S BEDSIDE

An Argus Headline:

MRS. C. S. WOOD PASSES AWAY

While the Husband is Flying Toward Table Rock at the Rate of a Mile a Minute

The year was 1905.

C. J. ("Charlie") Wood of Table Rock left for Pierre, South Dakota on business on July 25, 1905. The next day, his wife Nancy got sick. Nancy was 57.

Nancy and Charlie were from New York and had been married since 1867. They had come here to farm in 1874. They had four children, including C. S. Wood. C. S. Wood, by the way, was the father of a popular teacher in Table Rock for many years, Emma Wood Cunningham. Emma was only a year old when these events involving her paternal grandparents – Charlie and Nancy Wood — unfolded.

The Argus reported the onset of "a fever showing indications of typhoid fever, the next day the fever ranged from 99 and one-half to one hundred and one-half; during the next few days she seemed to be getting better; and her friends were hopeful that the disease would be checked without serious complications."

"During the latter part of the next week, the disease took on a more serious aspect and on Sunday night, August 6th, she became unconscious. Throughout her sickness up to the time she lost consciousness, she was cheerful and

hopeful and thought she was getting better."

Her condition was obviously "alarming," and his adult children sent Charlie telegram to him saying to come home immediately because "mother is sick."

When the telegram arrived, Charlie was out in the South Dakota countryside looking at sheep and no one knew exactly where he was. A



messenger was sent. It took the messenger four days to find Charlie, who was about 100 miles away. Charlie had another man with him and a driver – in those days of course of a team of horses and a wagon. They traveled to Pierre at the rate of 8 miles an hour, changing teams about halfway.

When they reached Pierre, Charlie found a letter from his daughter saying that Nancy was better. The letter was undated, and, unbeknownst to Charlie, it had been written before Nancy's condition worsened and before the telegram was sent. Being exhausted from the long drive and from worry, Charlie took the time to sleep, a decision he would later profoundly regret.

Another telegram came telling of Nancy's true condition. Charlie was found at his lodgings. Knowing that Charlie was on the way, Nancy's doctors in Table Rock "made use of the strongest stimulants to keep Mrs. Wood alive until he could reach her."

Table Rock people threw themselves into helping Charlie get back in time. His old Table Rock friend

C. H. Barnard, by then living in Lincoln, headed for Council Bluffs to stand by for Charlie's arrival to help him change trains. Barnard had received a telegram urging him to use "every means to hurry." It was when Charlie reached Council Bluffs that he learned that Nancy end was near. Charlie then "made the race of his life to reach her bedside before the end came." They had

been married almost 40 years; how desperate to reach his life's love must have been his journey. Barnard and Charlie took B&M train number 13 from Omaha to Lincoln.

At Lincoln, Charlie discovered that his friends had engaged a special train to Table Rock. He was the only passenger. The change to the special train was incredibly fast. "We wanted to have the train ready for starting within a minute after No. 13 arrived," said the chief dispatcher in Lincoln, "But there was a delay in the office of three minutes to wait for the train from Kansas City. The delay was aggravating and it seemed an age to the anxious husband..."

Charlie Wood, cont'd

Yes, in just three minutes Charlie was speeding south with railroad orders “for a clear track and unlimited speed.” The Lincoln Star called this part of Charlie’s journey “sensational.”

The conductor in charge of the special train was K. E. Cleaveland of Table Rock, with engineer Mike Lewis. With their efforts, the Argus reported, the train “made wonderful time,” “going so fast that the only lights maintained were those inside the coach.”

The Argus reported, “The distance from Lincoln to Table Rock is sixty-three and a half miles, and this stretch was covered in exactly sixty five minutes, including a delay of three minutes to wait for the train from Kansas City. A rate of better than a mile a minute was maintained for the entire distance.”

The efforts of Mr. Wood and the trainmen were in vain. She passed away, said the Argus, while Charlie “was flying toward Table Rock at the rate of a mile a minute.” The Argus said, “The anguish of Mr. Wood on learning that after all, he was too late to see his wife alive, we will not attempt to describe, but the sadness of it all touches every heart in the community.”

Oh my, the “what ifs” must have haunted Charlie. What if he had simply stayed home? What if the messenger had found him sooner? What if he had not stopped in Pierre to sleep?

However, there were no “what ifs” for C. H. Barnard, Conductor Cleaveland, or the others involved. They had done their best.



“ONLY THE LIGHTS”

The Argus said the train was “going so fast that the only lights maintained were those inside the coach.” What did that obscure reference mean? We don’t know but this is the best answer so far. Around 1903, “cutting edge technology” was added to some trains to provide power for electric lighting. Steam from the locomotive went to a steam-driven generator located in a baggage car at the front of the train. Steam could be diverted to the engine, reducing electrical power. In this case, so much steam was used for speed that it left little steam for the steam-driven generator, thus severely limiting the power for lighting. This information was gleaned from Larry Layden and an article about end dynamos at utahrails found by Sherry Winkinhofer.



Train photos: Previous page, from the viaduct by Arvid Blecha. Above, watched by an orphan train boy from the Purcell farm north of town. Left, crossing a bridge north of town;.

TYPHOID FEVER

Nancy Wood died of Typhoid fever. What is that? It is still around, but mostly in third world countries.

Typhoid fever is a grueling illness. There is a “step ladder” fever, i.e., every morning it rises and in the evening lowers, but goes higher each time.

It progresses into extreme malaise, and sometimes into a “typhoid state,” which is characterized by apathy, confusion, and even psychosis.

There is a dry cough with headache and delirium. There is extreme abdominal pain, a thready pulse, and there may be intestinal hemorrhage, bowel perforation, and death within one month of onset. Those who survive for four weeks have a good chance of recovery; about 85% of untreated patients survive. However, survivors may be left with long-term or permanent neuropsychiatric complications.

Typhoid fever is caused by salmonella enterica, which is transmitted by contact with human feces; contaminated drinking water is one source of the illness, or physical contact with a person carrying the disease.

Sometimes people may not be symptomatic. The famous Typhoid Mary was a cook who worked for successive families and successively infected people. When identified, she was quarantined for the rest of her life, 30 years.

This information is from emedicine.medscape.com/

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ANSWERS TO THE TRIVIA QUIZ

1.D. Methodist Church. The main body of settlers with the Nebraska Settlement Company came in 1857, said to be as many as 150 families. At the helm of the company was C. W. Giddings, a Methodist minister. Most of the settlers were Methodists, and many left by the end of 1858; the residuals of flooding had left unhealthful conditions causing much illness and death. It was not until the railroad came in 1871 that the population would increase appreciably. In the meantime, church members met in homes and had camp meetings until they built their first church in Lower Town in about 1873.

2.D. Eddie Hanna, Terry Kalina, and Duane Stehlik.

3.B. Bessie Snabl — we knew her as Bessie Rexroth.

4.A. Jim Wright didn't set a record for the 100m dash, but he DID set the record for the 220 yd dash in 1977, and was part of the winning 440 and 880 yd relay teams in 1978.

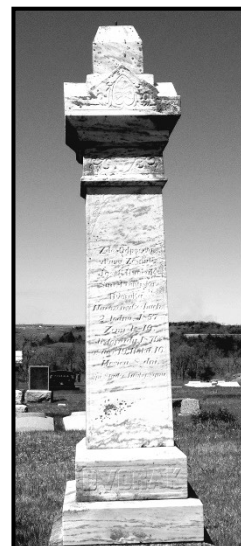
5.D. Lavon Covault's family, His mother's paternal grandmother, Nancy Taylor, did not come until just after the Civil War. His paternal grandfather, John Taylor, is not on the list of pioneers arriving by 1858, only Samuel Taylor in 1856 and Robert Taylor in 1858. Jerry Vrtiska is descended from Peter Foale, who came in 1856. Al McClintock is descended from William McClintock, and Dorothy from Andrew Fellers, both of whom came in 1857.

6.B. There are 941 combined, with 519 at the Table Rock Bohemian Cemetery and 422 at the Humboldt Bohemian Cemetery. That is more than at Wilbur (532), and fewer than in Chicago (44,458) or the state of Minnesota (4,086). By the way, there are 22 Bohemian cemeteries in Nebraska. The largest number of Bohemians at rest in Nebraska are in Omaha (7,362 burials), Milligan (1,989 burials in 2 cemeteries), and Clarkson (1,856 burials.).

7.D. The first was of stone, built in 1862 east of the street at the southeast corner of the Square. That one was torn down and a one-room frame building built on the same site in 1874. In 1884, that building was moved to the present site and remodeled to double it in size. That building was torn down and a brick school built in 1902. That was torn down and the present school buildings put up; that school was dedicated on January 31, 1965, according to the dedication program

8.A. Yes. According to a history written in 1937 by Glenn Binder and Dales Woods, there were four.

Photos Top: The tombstone of Joseph Dvorak, first burial in Table Rock's Bohemian Cemetery (1876). Middle: Bessie Snabl Rexroth, Class of 1926; bottom: left, the enlarged frame school circa 1888, bottom right, announcing the birth of a future track star,



TWIN SONS FOR WRIGHTS . .
Mr and Mrs Dale Wright became the very proud parents of twin sons at 2:15 a.m., Friday, March 11, 1960, at the Pawnee County Hospital. The two tax exemptions weighed in at 6 lbs., 2 oz. and 7 lbs., and have been given the names of James LeRoy and John Lynn. "Dad" Wright was busy passing out cigars Friday—one to a person.

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The Table Rock Historical Society

torical society at TableRockHistory@gmail.com.

In addition, the By Laws may be amended. Anyone interested in the specific proposals for amendment should contact a Board member for details, including Sharla Cerra at cell 310 6178 3524, or email the His-

Board members will each be elected by a simple majority of those present. The Board of Directors will later meet to elect officers. The present officers are listed on the first page of this newsletter

The annual meeting of the Table Rock Historical Society will be held at the above date, time, and place. Elections for the Board of Directors will be held. There are nine Board members. Each serves a three-year term. This year, terms expire for Gregg Clement, Ronda Freeman, and Kelly Vogt. Each is willing to serve another term. Any others who are interested should appear at the meeting and make their interest known. The

Location: Reflections Drugstore, next to the State Bank of Table Rock

Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION