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Rally Day Observed at Presbyterian Church

From Sunday School Hour to Evening Banquet of the C. E. Great Interest is Shown.

From Monday's Daily—
Rally day at the First Presbyterian church yesterday was an event of the greatest interest and filled with many fine features. The exercises of the day opened with an overflowing attendance at the Sunday school and with a fine program rendered by the students of the bible school. The promotion of departments and the certificates, beautiful examples of lithograph art, suitable for framing were given the students, forty-six receiving the certificates.

The new hymn books, the recital of the Christian Endeavor society were initiated and very much appreciated by all of the Sunday school.

This occasion was the first assembly of the Sunday school in their rooms since last June. Extensive remodeling had been done during the summer.

This down stairs portion of the church building is practically new—new hard wood floors, a new heating plant, freshly oiled woodwork, and light buff tinted walls, with many other improvements, make it a most beautiful place for the many services which are held there.

The morning worship hour was the regular quarterly administration of the Lord's Supper. Always an impressive and inspiring service. In spite of the recent rains which have affected the roads, a splendid attendance greeted the pastor. A splendid musical program was given by the choir.

The crowning rally service of the day was the C. E. held in the evening. A delightful supper was served by the Auxiliary ladies, most of them mothers of some of the C. E. members, a service rendered the young people that is much appreciated.

The tables were arranged in hallo square with decorations of red and white, the C. E. colors. Pestoones and fall flowers made the tables and their surroundings extremely handsome.

There was a very large gathering and many new members subscribed to the pledge.

Miss Marjorie Shopp, the president presided over the program, with charming grace and cleverness. She took as her theme "The Non-Stop Flights" and aptly applied it to the C. E. work. Beginning with a spirited song service led by Mr. Frank Cloutier, after which the different speakers were introduced. Wit and humor abounded, but each speaker had a serious message, that they brought to the society.

The program was as follows:
"The Machine"—Miss Pearl Staats
"The Pilot"—Edith Bullin
"The Passenger"—Irma Mayfield
"The Hop-Off"—Rev. McClusky
"Rewards"—Mr. R. P. Patterson
A very fine speaker choice diction impressive manner and message well delivered.

The program was interspersed with choicely selected and well rendered music—vocal solos by Miss Ruth Lindsay and Mr. Frank Cloutier and a violin and flute duet by Jean Caldwell and Catherine McClusky. Miss Estelle Baird served as accompanist for all.

Election of officers for 1927-28 resulted thus:

President—Miss Edith Bullin.
Vice-President—Robert Wurl.
Secretary—Irma Mayfield.
Treasurer—George Saylor.
Pianist—Catherine McClusky.

These officers were impressively installed by the pastor.

The evening was closed by a vote of thanks being extended to the ladies who had so graciously provided and served the supper. All felt that the evening had been a real rally and that the new fall work had started with pep and push.

POLICE OFFICER ILL

From Monday's Daily—
Officer Dave Pickrel, member of the night police force, has for the past several days been feeling very poorly as the result of having contracted a severe cold during the recent cold snap. Mr. Pickrel was compelled to remain off duty Saturday and Sunday night and has been kept in his bed for the greater part of the time as the result of his illness. It is hoped that in a few days he may be able to again resume his activities.

HONORED AT WESLEYAN

From Monday's Daily—
Miss Helen Wescott, who is attending the Wesleyan university at Lincoln, has been selected as one of some fifty to be members of the dramatic club of the university and which will present a number of plays during the season at the university auditorium. Miss Wescott has also been selected as one of the associate editors of "The Coyote," the annual of Wesleyan which is published each year at the close of the school season.

RETURNS FROM GRAND CHAPTER

From Monday's Daily—
James M. Robertson, past grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, Mrs. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover and daughter, Janet, who have been visiting at Denver for the past week, returned home yesterday. Mr. Robertson was in attendance at the grand chapter of the R. A. M. of the United States and had the pleasure of meeting some of the most distinguished members of the fraternity of the country. He had the added pleasure of meeting the Earl of Kinsella, who represented the grand chapter of Scotland, the native land of Mr. Robertson, and brought with him the greetings from the Scottish Royal Arch Masons. The Earl of Kinsella was accompanied by the Countess Kinsella, and they were guests at the various social functions held in the course of the grand chapter sessions.

'Buy-a-Chair' Plan Spreading Like Wildfire

Many Respond to Ingenious Plan of Solving Seating Problem in Community Building.

The "Buy-a-Chair" movement that was suggested by Mrs. Wm. Baird as a solution to the seating problem in the new Community building is making a big hit with the public and spreading like wildfire.

The proposal of having the name of each donor stenciled on the back of their chair offers a lasting record of the various contributors, as will the list of building contributors, which is to be displayed behind a glass door in the assembly room as soon as collections on pledges has progressed to a point where the remaining outstanding amounts are considered a loss.

More than fifty have responded by paying in their dollars and many others have signified their intention of doing likewise, but the set rule of no I-O-U's on this drive, prevents the publishing of names until the money is actually paid in. The committee needs all its available spare time to look after collection of the unpaid building fund subscriptions and can not take the time to go around after the dollars when the chairs come.

This plan will enable paying for them at once and realizing an added cash discount.

Two hundred chairs are needed badly to provide for banquets, while as many as five hundred can be used. No "drive" is being made and only voluntary donations are desired. A list of those to whom money may be paid is found at the bottom of the list of contributors elsewhere in today's paper and prompt action is desired to the end that the seating problem may be solved as soon as possible. The name of every individual contributor will be permanently stenciled on the chair for which their money pays.

The list of those who have paid in their dollars appears elsewhere in today's Journal and will be published throughout this week only, so if you want in on the "Buy-a-Chair" movement, get busy right away and turn in your money and the name you want on "your chair."

SPLENDID RALLY DAY

From Monday's Daily—
The rally day exercises at the Methodist Sunday school yesterday brought out the attendance of some 245 of the young people at the morning Sunday school hour and was a meeting filled with interest and promise of a very strong year in the work of this department of the church.

At the morning worship hour there was also a very fine attendance as many of the Sunday school attendants were present to evince their interest in the work of the adult church. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Soror, gave his first sermon of the church year and gave a challenge to the church for greater activity in the coming year than they had in the past and urged a greater interest in the affairs of the community on the part of the church and the raising of the standard of religious effort.

At the evening worship hour the high school classes of the Sunday school again presented their playlet, "At the Gate Beautiful," which was enjoyed by a very large audience and the work of the young people comprising the cast was of a splendid type for which they deserve a great deal of credit.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Lillian Baker of this city, who has been at the University hospital in Omaha for several weeks recovering from the effects of an operation, has so far recovered that she was able to return home the last of the week. The many friends of Mrs. Baker are pleased to learn that she is so much improved and trust that she may have a complete recovery from her illness.

Observe 60th Anniversary of Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. John Fight Enjoy Anniversary With Members of Their Family Circle.

From Wednesday's Daily—
On the 5th day of October 1867, back in the state of Wisconsin a young man just fresh from the services of his country in the great union army, was a happy groom and wedded to one of the youthful maidens of his old home community, the two contracting parties being John Fight and Miss Grace Hagel.

A few years was spent in the old home state and then in 1871 the bride and groom came westward to the region of the mighty Missouri river and crossing the stream at Plattsmouth, located in Cass county on one of the farms that were just being brought forth from the unbroken prairie of the west. Mr. and Mrs. Fight settled in Eight Mile Grove precinct and made their home there on the farm until twenty-five years ago when they purchased a home in Plattsmouth and have since made their home in this community loved and esteemed by a very large circle of friends and neighbors.

The sixtieth anniversary of their wedding was observed today at the family home on Pearl street and where members of the family gathered with the bride and groom of long ago upon whose cheek the bloom of youth has long since passed and to whose head the frosting hand of time has laid its touches. The occasion was featured by a fine dinner and at which there were the children and grandchildren to join in the wish that the parents might enjoy many more such happy events.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fight all reside in this city and vicinity, being W. A. Fight of Bellevue, Mrs. P. A. Horn and Mrs. Philip Born of this city, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan of Omaha and Frank Fight of this city.

The many friends here will join the family in the well wishes to this most estimable couple whose lifetime has been filled with usefulness to their community.

PHILATHEAS SURPRISE TEACHER

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening at 6:30 the Philatheas class of the Methodist Sunday school gave a "surprise" dinner party to their teacher, Mr. C. C. Wescott in honor of his birthday anniversary. About sixty ladies were present, and their guest entered the church parlors greeted him with "Happy Birthdays" and "Happy Birthdays to You."

The decorations of the parlors were very artistically arranged in blue and white, the blue nut cups and blue streamers being used on the white damask cloths of the tables.

The menu of the evening was as follows:

Fruit Cocktail
Perfection Salad
Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes
Peas or Carrots
Beet Pickles
Ice Cream Individual Cakes
Coffee Nuts

An orchestra composed of Marjorie Ann piano; Vernon Ann, drums; Jean Caldwell, violin, and Katherine McClusky, flue, entertained the diners during the evening. The repast was prepared by the various committees of the Philatheas class and served by the Queen Esther girls.

Mr. Henry Heinrich, president presented Mr. Wescott with a beautifully decorated birthday cake, covered also with the "alotted number" of tiny pink candles—the handiwork of Mrs. James Marshall. Mr. Wescott responded, thanking the class for their "surprise" and for their effort and work in making such a successful evening.

G. W. VALLERY ILL

From Monday's Daily—
The message has been received here by relatives announcing the very serious illness of George W. Vallery, former resident here and also past grand commander of the Knights Templar of the United States. Mr. Vallery is suffering from congestion of the lungs and his condition is quite serious, it is stated and causes much apprehension to the attending physicians and members of the family. Mr. Vallery is a brother of Mrs. T. P. Livingston of this city and Mrs. Katherine Minor, who is here visiting from Los Angeles. The many friends of the distinguished Mason in this city will regret to learn of his condition and are hopeful that he may rally from the effects of the serious illness.

HAS INFECTED HAND

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Joe Marasek has had a very severe affliction for the past week or ten days as the result of an infection that had formed in one of the fingers of the left hand and which had grown worse until it had made it very difficult for the lady to use the hand and caused a great deal of pain. The hand is being given treatment and it is hoped in a short time that it will be back to normal condition.

HAS MIND OF CHILD

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 2.—Lyle Messner, slayer of Kathleen Forrest, 6, has the mentality of a child of 10, Dr. Brennan of the University of Iowa, psychopathic hospital, who spent three hours in the boy's cell last night, was quoted as saying in a report made public today by Sid Milner, defense attorney.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Monday's Daily—
The marriage market at the court house is looking up as the result of the activities of the past two days and Judge A. H. Duxbury has had a very busy time since the last of the week in making others happy.

On Saturday afternoon Thomas A. Ackerman and Miss Lucille Eggers of Council Bluffs were married at the office of the Judge, they being accompanied by Mrs. Philippa Eggers, mother of the bride and Miss Lourine Eggers, a sister of the bride.

This morning at the court house Lloyd A. Blaine of St. Louis and Miss Thelma M. Beaman of Council Bluffs were united in marriage, the contracting parties motoring here at the close of the marriage service returned to Council Bluffs to receive the well wishes of their friends.

Sacred Concert to be Featured at the Parmele

Offering of Sacred Song Will Be Presented at 3 p. m. on Sunday, October 16th.

From Monday's Daily—
The wonderful pipe organ that has been installed at the Parmele theatre has proven a great treat to the music lovers of the city and the various offerings that have been given on the organ by Carl Weigel, organist, have proven most enjoyable and demonstrating the possibilities of the great organ.

Mr. Weigel, who is a great lover of music and the masterpieces of the great composers, with the management of the Parmele have taken up the subject of a sacred concert at the theatre and in their efforts they have received a very splendid response from the musical departments of the various churches of the city and which has made the sacred concert an assured fact for the near future.

The concert will be offered at the theatre on Sunday, October 16th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and will be complimentary to the general public who will love to hear the songs of faith and religious beauty as rendered by the Wurlitzer and the voices of the talented members of the various church choirs.

The event should be one of the most enjoyable musical offerings of the fall and winter season and will be an occasion that everyone who can should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing and enjoying. The plans of the concert are being perfected and will be certain to be something that is above the average in the line of musical entertainment.

Awards Made in Corn Contest of the Ad Club

Henry Nolting Is Given First Prize—Twenty-eight Entries Made in the Contest.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The corn contest staged by the Ad club of this city and which gave \$25 in prizes for the best five ears of corn brought in by the farmers of the county, was closed yesterday at the chamber of commerce rooms on North 6th street when the judges, County Agent L. E. Snipes, E. H. Spangler, and P. A. Horn, made their inspection of the corn and passed their judgment of the various showings.

There were some twenty-eight persons making entries in the corn contest and some very fine corn shown and which certainly demonstrated that Cass county was going to be one of the best counties in the state on the showing of the 1927 corn crop.

The judges after a thorough inspection and test of the corn made their awards as follows:
First prize—Henry Nolting.
Second prize—Louis Frederick.
Third prize—Joe Banek.
Fourth prize—Lester Meisinger.
Fifth prize—Arthur Hill.
The showing was one of the very best and the sponsors of the contest feel well pleased with the result of the products of the Cass county farms.

Woman's Club in First Meeting of Fall Season

American Home Department Has Charge of the Very Interesting Session Last Night.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The first meeting of the autumn season of the Plattsmouth Women's club was held last evening at the home of Mrs. R. W. Knorr on high school hill and which was attended by a very large number of the ladies of the organization and to enjoy to the fullest extent the fine program that had been arranged by the American home department of the club and the hospitality afforded by the hostesses, Mesdames Knorr and Ray McMaken.

The business session of the club was presided over by Mrs. L. L. Turpin, the local president, and this portion of the meeting was largely devoted to the plans for the county convention which will open at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, at the First Methodist church. Mrs. C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water, county president will preside and Mrs. Whitfield of Lincoln, district president and Mrs. E. W. Johnson, state chairman of law enforcement will be present at the meeting.

The club also elected Mrs. A. H. Duxbury as the secretary for the year. The election of the delegates to the state convention to be held on October 25th to 27th was also held and Mesdames L. L. Turpin, E. R. Teepells and James T. Beckley were named as the delegates with Mesdames Ray McMaken, James F. Doyle and J. F. Wolf as the alternates.

The American home department portion of the evening was presided over very pleasantly by Mrs. E. R. Teepells, chairman of this department and who introduced the various numbers on the program.

The program was opened by a very beautiful piano selection by Miss Moore, one of the charming and accomplished teachers of the city schools that was much enjoyed.

Miss Elizabeth McVey, teacher of home economics in the high school gave a very interesting talk on "Budgets" in which she pointed out the advantage of the housewife knowing her needs and having them carefully covered by the budget of expense the system of the budget in the home aiding in keeping an accurate account of the household expenses and the housewife that pursued a budget system made more efficient handling of the home and in holding the expenses within the limits of the budget.

Miss Margaret Engelkemeier gave a very charming vocal number that reflected the greatest credit on the young lady and was received with the greatest of appreciation by the members of the club.

Carl S. Davis gave the ladies a most interesting talk on the matter of investments, pointing out the need of careful consideration of investments; and not making hasty judgment in the placing of the investments. He also gave a list of conservative investments that gave good returns and were safe from the wildcat projects.

C. C. Wescott, president of the Ad club gave a very interesting discussion of what the merchants think of the women as buyers. Mr. Wescott touched on the advantages of the women in their careful selection, taking more time in selecting out the articles. The tendency of the times made it hard to keep within the limits of the budget by the fact of the purchasing of many luxuries that made a severe test on the financial resources of the family.

Mr. Witterley, director of "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" gave the members of the club an outline of the forthcoming play that promises to be one of exceptional cleverness and which the ladies of the club will offer at the Parmele theatre on next week.

The club also voted to give the sum of \$5 toward the educational fund that the general federation is arranging for loaning to students who are without funds to complete their educational work and which is one of the big efforts of the federation for the year.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostesses.

VISITS WITH HOME FOLKS

From Monday's Daily—
Miss Delores Wiles returned to Omaha Thursday evening after a two-days' visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, west of this city. Miss Wiles has been on night duty at Miss Wiles hospital for the past five weeks, and was therefore granted a two-days' leave before resuming the day shift, and the regular class work.

While in this city she visited Plattsmouth high school from which she graduated in 1926 and greatly enjoyed meeting her former teachers and school friends.

Miss Wiles is very enthusiastic over her chosen course of study and is in her second year of nurse-training in Omaha.

CELEBRATED 77TH BIRTHDAY

On last Sunday Benjamin Hoback who was born in the state of Missouri on the second of October 1850, celebrated his birthday anniversary with his family, at the home where he came in 1854. Here Mr. and Mrs. Hoback began married life, and have lived happily during the many more than fifty years they have lived in Nebraska. They were joined by the family in the family reunion which occurred on the old home place on last Sunday.

There were there for the occasion, besides this excellent aged couple, Frank Anderson and family of Union, Mrs. Anderson being a daughter, Oscar Hoback and family who reside on the farm with the parents of Mrs. Hoback, Grover Hoback and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemphill of Nebraska.

An excellent dinner was served and a most enjoyable time was had. In departing all extended the wish that this excellent couple would enjoy many more years of happy wedded life.

Death Comes to Mrs. Mattie Young Monday

Resident of This City for Forty-Five Years and Loved and Esteemed by All.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. Mattie E. Young died Monday, October 3rd at about 4 p. m. at her home in this city, aged 70 years.

Mrs. Young came to Plattsmouth about forty-four years ago, a bride of George Palmer. To this union was born four children, of whom one died in young childhood. The surviving children are Ralph Palmer, Omaha; Dr. Walter Palmer, Blackwell, Oklahoma and Mrs. Clara Godwin, Omaha.

Mrs. Palmer married Jasper M. Young some years ago in Dec. 1897. Mr. Young preceded her in death April 19, 1924.

Mrs. Palmer-Young, as she was called by friends, will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was unselfish and untiring in her efforts to help and cheer others in deeds as well as words that might comfort or aid. A woman known for her high ideals and fortitude. Although all miss her they feel a sense of comfort to know her sufferings are no more.

Mrs. Young's failing health had made her quite an invalid and the physical ailments and more or less of a "shut in" had proven a sad worry to her. The frequent attacks were so severe and always caused great alarm and dread.

Being of an independent nature she wished to live in a home she felt to be her own and kindly refused homes offered by her children. She was a devout Christian and when failing health forced her to abandon active church attendance she would "listen in" on the radio to the hymns and the word of God, carefully marking the Scripture references.

ADDRESSES SAFETY MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Frank B. Thomas of Chicago, representing the safety first department of the Burlington, was in this city for a few hours and had a very enthusiastic meeting at the local shops in the safety movement as they have had seven months out of nine in which they have had no accidents that were reportable to the interstate commerce commission, this meaning accidents that required more than three days off duty. The work of the safety chairman and superintendent Baird has been of the highest type and the employees of the Burlington shops deserve a great deal of credit. Mr. Thomas states, for their interest in the safety movement.

DEATH VISITS CITY

From Monday's Daily—
Last evening George R. Reynolds, who has been making his home in the city with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Melburn, since last May, was called to the last reward after an illness of some duration. Mr. Reynolds has been in poor health for a long period and came here to have the care and comfort of the sister's home in his last days.

The deceased was sixty-two years of age and formerly resided in Kansas and where the body will be taken Tuesday morning on No. 4 over the Burlington for the last services and burial at Paola, Kansas, the old home of Mr. Reynolds.

SELLS BARBER SHOP

From Monday's Daily—
The W. P. Cook barber shop on South 6th street has been disposed of by Mr. Cook to Oscar Smalley of this city, who will at once take over the shop and conduct it in the future. Mr. Smalley is an experienced barber and well known in the city and should make the shop a real addition to the list of up to date shops in the city.

Urge Graveling of the Road West to Louisville

Representatives From Louisville, Plattsmouth and Intervening Territory Urge Move.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday a delegation of some fifty people from Louisville, Plattsmouth and the intervening territory were present at the court house to urge on the board of county commissioners the opening of a county program of graveled roads that would have as the objective a system of county highways that are not state and federal roads, graveled and placed in proper shape for travel at all seasons of the year.

The delegation presented a very strong case as to the needs of such a system and also pointed out the means by which the county board could take up the movement that would give the taxpayers and residents of the county districts the kind of roads that they should have—roads that they could travel at any season of the year instead of being locked in by the mud and mire of the dirt roads during the wet seasons of the year.

The delegation in urging the good roads program for the county took up as the first highway that of the Louisville road, the main east and west road that lies in the northern part of the county and which each winter and fall represents miles of mud that lies as a bar between the farms and the towns, as well as the stretch of roadway that lies south from the Louisville precinct line to Avoca.

There are four state and federal roads in the county. The King of Trails, the D. L. D. in the northwest part of the county, the "O" street road running from Union to Eagle and the Red Ball highway from Murrah west to Elmwood, all of these being gravelled but the Red Ball and which will receive gravel as it is a state highway.

The state and federal roads do not include the Louisville road that serves several thousand of the people of the northern part of the county or the other highways over the county that are needed to connect up the gravel roads so that all sections of the county can find a means of travel in bad weather and the creation of this system was what the delegation yesterday placed before the commissioners.

The delegation was presided over by C. C. Wescott of this city and the speakers presenting the needs of the dwellers along the Louisville road included Mr. Wescott, Mayor C. A. Johnson, former Mayor John P. Sattler and James M. Robertson.

Editor Lee J. Mayfield of the Louisville Courier, Elmer Sundstrom, president of the Louisville chamber of commerce, Fred H. Brammer, assistant superintendent of the Ash Grove Cement Co., of Louisville, where they are building a \$2,000,000 plant, R. A. Bates, publisher of the Plattsmouth Journal and a number of the other residents of the territory affected by the mud roads.

The principal address of the petitioners of the road improvement program was Carl S. Davis of this city who also has been the representative of the Ash Grove Cement Co., in their bringing their great industry to this county. Mr. Davis pointed out that the auto tax money amounted to \$63,887.74, and which the law provided would be used in road grading and highway maintenance and also provided for the graveling of highways from this fund, that the expenditures of the county were but \$15,337.84 in the past year and which gave a large surplus that would be available for highway graveling and that in round numbers the surplus in the fund was \$148,000. It was also pointed out the provision of the law that gave the commissioners the authority to use unexpended funds in the graveling of roads from the money derived by the auto tax and highway construction.

The estimated cost of the proposed Louisville road was \$16,000 to \$18,000. Mr. Davis pointed out, and which would not hamper the funds in any way and the sums derived would allow a part of the county road program being carried out each year in the different parts of the county, starting with the Louisville and the Weeping Water-Avoca highways that would connect up with federal and state roads.

STRETCH BOY'S LEG

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha Fred Hull, who was injured here last Thursday afternoon at 6th and Main street, was given the trying ordeal of having his fractured right leg stretched to bring it to its normal length. The lad has been doing nicely and been able to rest very well with the fractured leg, but it seems that the leg was a trifle shorter than the normal member and for this reason the attending surgeons decided to have the member stretched and which was carried out very successfully.

Blank books at the Journal office.