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Legion Entertains Vets of County Posts

Fine Representations From Louisville, Elmwood, Nehawka Are Present for Meeting.

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Last evening Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion was host to members of the various posts of the county as well as presenting a program for the public at the community building.

One of the pleasant features of the evening was the numbers given by the American Legion Juvenile band, an organization that has been sponsored by the American Legion of this city and which has been under the direction of W. R. Holly, L. D. Hiatt and with E. C. Harris and B. G. Woodward assisting in the training of the boys. The band has showed fine progress in the few months that they have been organized and their number given last evening more than reflected credit on all of the members of the band as well as the gentlemen that have had their training in charge.

The program as well as the Legion meeting of the evening was presided over by Commander Leslie W. Niel and who introduced the various features of the evening program.

Following a selection by the band, Robert Bestor, member of the band, was heard in very delightful piano selection that was much enjoyed and showed the marked musical talent of this young man.

Frank H. Smith, past commander, reviewed the program of the Legion both in the state and nation in the child welfare and training program and also activities of the local Legion post. This included the national endowment fund for the children of the veterans who had passed away, the securing of adequate legislation for the protection of the children, the baseball contest in which 250-900 boys of the county had enrolled in the summer, the recreation spots for the children sponsored by the various posts over the land. Locally the sponsoring of a troop of the Boy Scouts was touched upon and in this activity the Legion is maintaining a troop, furnishing scoutmaster and all members take an active interest in the advancement of the boys, also the continued activity of the juvenile band. The fact that the Legion has raised some \$9,000 from activities and all of which aside from the usual expenses of the post has gone into the community building, the largest of the Legion's local community activities, without any member receiving any reward for their personal services in making this possible.

Attorney J. A. Capwell, representing the C. M. T. C. told a little of the activities of this organization in their camp at Fort Crook this past summer and at which Donald Pittman of this city was awarded the highest rank as the best student soldier from Cass county as well as a marked man reward. It had been planned to make the presentation of the prize to this young man last evening but as he is a student at the University of Nebraska he was unable to be in attendance at the meeting and therefore this feature was postponed until a later date.

Judge A. H. Duxbury, the faithful and efficient service officer of the Hugh J. Kearns post, and a past commander, told of the various activities of his department regarding the hospitalization of veterans, the state aid and compensation acts that had been enacted to aid in the care and protection of the service man by the nation and state. The long experience of Judge Duxbury in this line of work has made him a statewide figure in Legion circles and he is a member of the state committee on the relief of veterans.

After the close of the public program the Legion members of the county mingled in a real get together meeting and which was one of the most enjoyable occasions that the local post has had in its long history.

The visitors were called upon for a few remarks, A. G. Cisney, commander of the Nehawka post, Spencer M. Leger of the Elmwood post, Harvey Koop, Ralph Larson, and D. W. Webb of the Louisville post and Ben Olive of Weeping Water, responding in greetings to the comrades of the Plattsmouth post and every member expressed the wish that these meetings of the service men, reviving the spirit of the comradeship of the war days could be held more often.

After the short talks the "K. P." detail including Fred Lugsch, Henry Soennichsen, Judge Duxbury and G. R. Holcomb proceeded to serve a lunch of the hot waffles, buns and coffee that hit the right spot with the members of the party and it was at a late hour when the members parted with the wish to meet again at a not too distant time.

Bates Book and Gift Shop is exclusive Dennison dealer in this vicinity. Nothing like the genuine Dennison goods and you can get them only at the one place.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

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Yesterday afternoon Mrs. E. A. Fricke and Miss Dora Fricke entertained a group of the friends at a very charming party at the home of Miss Fricke on North 6th street.

The fall flowers were used in the decorative plan of the afternoon and added a very colorful touch to the scene.

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William Puls Dies at Home in Murray Last Eve

One of the Prominent Residents of Eastern Cass County Dies at Age of Eighty-Three.

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Last evening at the family home at Murray occurred the death of one of the old and loved residents of this section of Cass county, William Puls, Sr., who has in a period of residence of more than fifty years been one of the most highly respected residents of the community and who has contributed much to the advancement of the county in which he had made his home.

Fewer men were better known or more highly esteemed than this splendid gentleman and in this city as well as his home community he has been a familiar figure and in his quiet and unassuming manner he had made a world of friends who regret greatly that he has been called away and that the inspiration and friendship of his presence and friendship is to be but a loving memory of following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Puls came to the United States and came to the vicinity of where the present town of Murray is located. Mr. Puls being one of the early farmers of that locality and serving in his hard work and splendid efforts in making this a great part of the most wonderful agricultural empire of the world.

Surviving this splendid citizen and loving husband and father there remains the aged widow, and seven children, William H. Puls, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Philip A. Hill, Mrs. Fred Lutz, Mynard, Otto Puls, Murray, Louis H. Puls, Cornish, Colorado, Mrs. Alfred Gansmer, Murray, Mrs. Laura Ringwood, Minneapolis, Minnesota. There are also twenty-four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one brother who resides in Germany.

In the loss that has come to them the members of the family will have the deep sympathy of the friends in the community and among whom the Journal joins in the expression of regret at the passing of this good man.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by William A. Robertson, president of the Hoover-Curtis club in a very pleasing manner.

The speaker took up a large number of the issues of the campaign from the republican viewpoint pointing out as a measure of relief that the application of the tariff in this relief question had materially strengthened the prices that the farmer had received and pledging that the party and the candidate for president would give this the fullest attention if the party was given the mandate to carry on this work.

In the discussion of the farm and its problems Mr. Ketcham called attention of the audience to the fact that Mr. Hoover was born on an Iowa farm while Governor Smith was a son of the great cities and which in the speaker's opinion made Mr. Hoover more alive to the actual farm conditions of the world war.

In addition to Mr. Ketcham, Troy L. Davis, candidate for state representative was present and gave a short talk on the matter of state needs and issues and the fact that the bank guarantee legislation would be before the legislature at the coming session for consideration.

Mr. Davis promised the best aid and assistance in securing legislation that might be needed by the people of this district.

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Mr. Livingston had his coat cut by the flying glass but fortunately sustained no cuts on his face or body. He was suffering from very severe bruises and it was thought might have sustained some internal injuries.

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