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Musical Program Given Last Nite at St. Paul's Church

Concert Offered by the Choir of the Church and Enjoyed by a Large Congregation.

From Monday's Daily

Last evening the music loving public of this city was afforded a rare treat when the choir of the St. Paul's Evangelical church presented a concert at the church building. There was a very large number present to enjoy the excellent offering.

The numbers were presented with artistic ability by all of the members of the choir and the featured soloists of the evening. Miss Leone Meisinger served as the accompanist for the various numbers.

Miss Margaret Engelkemeier, director of the choir, was in charge of the program of the concert.

The program was as follows:

"Be Thankful".....Shawker
"Jesus Lover of My Soul".....Wilson
Choir
"Shepherd of Israel, Keeping Thy Sheep".....Stebbins
Rose Mary Steppat
"Nearer to Thee".....Wilson
Margaret Engelkemeier, Eva Wichman and Frank Schackneis
"Saviour Hear Us We Pray" (Lullaby).....Brahms
Dorothy Kief
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee".....Nolte
"I Lay My Sins on Jesus".....Thomas
"Sunrise in Heaven".....Basset
Choir
"Fairest Lord Jesus" (Sung in German).....Willis
Frank Schackneis
"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices".....Cawood
Rose Mary Steppat, Mata Schackneis, Charlotte Jager, Dorothy Kief, Alice Jane Hirz, Lydia Pitz
"Abide With Me".....Shelley
Margaret Engelkemeier
"God Calling Yet".....Collins
"Only Believe".....Archer
"I Need His Care".....Lowden
"Now the Day is Over".....Barney
Choir
Director.....Margaret Engelkemeier
Pianist.....Leona Meisinger

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Monday's Daily

R. W. Knorr this afternoon received the sad news of the death of his mother, Mrs. John Knorr, which occurred shortly before noon at Hastings, following an illness of some duration. During the winter Mrs. Knorr and her husband have both been poorly and in recent weeks the condition of the wife has grown worse until death came to her relief. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr have just recently returned from Hastings where they were at the bedside of the aged lady.

Mrs. Knorr was a pioneer resident of Adams county, having spent the greater part of her seventy-eight years there. Mr. Knorr homesteaded one of the claims in Adams county and the family resided on the farm there for many years, later moving to Hastings.

The deceased lady is survived by the husband, aged 85, three sons, R. W. Knorr of this city, Bert Knorr of Alliance, Floyd Knorr of Hastings; one daughter, Mrs. George McCoy of Hastings.

The funeral will be held at Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr are leaving Tuesday morning for the services.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of T. E. Todd, well known resident of this city, will be pleased to learn that he is showing some improvement following a course of treatment at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha. Mr. Todd was suffering from high blood pressure and while taking treatment for this also had his tonsils removed at the hospital. He is now home and recuperating from his illness in fine shape and it is hoped will derive permanent relief from his treatment and be able to resume his usual activities.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Mrs. Roy Perkins and Mrs. L. J. Feller of Omaha, were here Saturday afternoon for a few hours, motoring down to attend the funeral of the little grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patton. The ladies returned home to Omaha Saturday evening.

SINGS OVER RADIO

Miss Leona Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hudson of this city, was one of the artists heard over the radio on the program of the State Teachers college of Peru, broadcast from station KFAB at Lincoln. The program was excellent and the different offerings much enjoyed. Miss Hudson was one of the soloists on the program. She has suffered a great deal from the injured shoulder that has interfered with her school work in the past two weeks.

Plattsmouth People in the Quake Zone

Several Former Residents Here Have Startling Experiences as Earth Shocks Occur There.

From Monday's Daily

The first detailed actual experiences of residents in the earthquake swept sections of Los Angeles and Long Beach, have reached here, a letter from Mrs. Thomas Walling being received by the Robert M. Walling family here today.

The letter was written Saturday evening at Los Angeles and dispatched on air mail to reach here this morning from Omaha. As Mrs. Walling was writing reoccurring earth shocks made writing difficult, but none of the shocks were so severe as those of Friday.

The home occupied by Mrs. Walling and family was shook badly by the earthquake on Friday evening, dishes, pictures and mirrors which were hanging on the walls being dashed to the floor and broken as the walls trembled again and again as the shocks continued. The chimney of the house was cracked and in such shape that the family spent the night at the home of a neighbor whose apartment was not so seriously shaken up.

The chain store of which Leonard Walling is manager, suffered severely from the earthquake, the building being damaged and the stock of goods in the store being thrown around the store room by the force of the earth tremors. Mr. Walling and his brother Edmund, wished to try and clear up the store but were not allowed in by police as a safety measure.

Miss Mary Margaret Walling, who is engaged as an assistant in the office of one of the leading physicians of Los Angeles, had her office in a ten story building in the downtown section, but was home when the shocks came. The X-ray equipment and other articles in the office were strewn around as the result of the shock, altho the building stood.

The Walling family visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schulhof, also former residents here and found that the earthquake had cracked one corner of the residence they occupied and also that the garage at the home had been cracked and damaged by the earthquake.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Spader, also former residents, was damaged some but not dangerously.

The telephone lines into Long Beach were damaged and Mrs. Walling was unable to get in communication with any former Plattsmouth residents there.

SURPRISE FRIENDS

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Meisinger were given a delightful surprise at their farm home, when a large group of the friends came in to spend a few hours most delightfully.

The evening was spent in cards and visiting and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the members of the party. The party had brought well filled baskets for a fine luncheon at a late hour.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Allie Leonard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Leonard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kiser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoschar and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ruffner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. James Tigner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker, Mrs. Ella Troop and daughter, Everett Ellis, Med Balthazor, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pitz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Meisinger.

Gypsies at La Platte Cause Much Trouble

Large Group of Nomads Camped at Naeve's Park Make Call for Officers Necessary.

From Tuesday's Daily

This morning Sheriff Homer Sylvester was called to La Platte to assist Deputy Sheriff Gates of Sarpy county in helping quiet down a band of gypsies that have been camped there for some time.

The gypsies who were here some time ago, were exiled from this city by the local police, and drove to La Platte where they proceeded to camp at Naeve's park and have been giving the residents there more or less trouble and which led to the necessity of the officers of Sarpy and Cass counties going there to investigate the tribe.

The campers, it is reported here were preparing for a tribal wedding and the festivities incident to this had caused much annoyance to the dwellers in the usually peaceful countryside.

One of the residents of that section is reported to have suffered the loss of \$1,500 as the result of the fortune telling activities of one of the ladies of the tribe. The man had his money charmed by the fortune teller and who then placed it in a "poke" and which was sewed into the underwear of the victim, who was warned not to open the poke until a week had elapsed. The victim complied and when the poke was opened instead of the money having multiplied, there was nothing but a folded section of a comic paper.

LEAVE FOR CONVENTION

From Monday's Daily

This afternoon Mrs. E. H. Wescott, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, accompanied by Mrs. L. O. Minor and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman, motored to Nehawka where they joined Mrs. Marion Tucker. The ladies motor from Nehawka to Hastings where the annual state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution opens Tuesday. Mrs. Wescott is closing a very successful two year term as state regent and under her guidance the society has gained a large number of chapters over the state and her work has won warm words of praise from the national organization.

While her term is expiring with this week Mrs. Wescott as retiring regent will be one of the Nebraska representatives at the Continental congress at Washington in April.

FRIGHTEN THIEVES AWAY

From Tuesday's Daily

Last evening an attempt to rob the chicken house at the farm of Mrs. Glenn Perry, south of this city, was frustrated when the watchdog at the house started an alarm and caused the would-be robbers to flee and leave the chickens.

The barking of the dog aroused the family and the lights were turned on in the house and at which the chicken thieves evidently took flight. The matter was reported to the office of the sheriff and Sheriff Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Lancaster visited the scene. It was found that a sack containing seven chickens had been dropped in the hen house and several empty sacks indicated that the parties had intended to make a cleaning of the feathered residents.

RETURNS TO SEDALIA HOME

Miss Alice Peterson, of Sedalia, Mo., who has been here for the past two weeks, assisting her sister, Mrs. Victor Meisinger, in moving to the Farnoff farm, eleven miles west of Plattsmouth, departed Sunday for Nemaha. In Nemaha she will make a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rhodes, former residents of this county. Miss Alice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Peterson, who for many years were valued residents of this city, but moved to Sedalia several years ago where Mr. Peterson has been employed by the M. P. R. R. Co., and has been pretty regularly employed during the past few months.

LITTLE LADY ARRIVES

The home of Principal and Mrs. Robert Foster Patterson is a very happy one as the result of an addition to the family circle that arrived Saturday afternoon. The new arrival is a fine seven pound daughter, who has been christened Mary Margaret. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of happiness to all of the family and gives the little son, Sammie, a playmate and companion for the childhood days.

Plattsmouth Young Man in Quake Shock

Edward Mullen Experiences Thrill of the Great Upheaval on West Coast Last Friday.

Edward Mullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen of this city, was among the Nebraskans who experienced the shock and thrill of the great earthquake at Los Angeles on last Friday night.

At the time of the first and most severe shock, Mr. Mullen was seated in a restaurant eating his evening meal when suddenly the dishes started to stage a dance while the room shook and trembled with the force of the grinding of the earth. The cause of the trouble was not realized by the young Nebraskan at first but the cry of "earthquake," by the employees and other guests in the restaurant brought him a realization that he was in for one of the most thrilling experiences of a lifetime. All of the persons in the restaurant including Mr. Mullen, dashed for the street and where the buildings were shaking and trembling in the force of the continued shock. Mr. Mullen escaped injury altho a great deal of property damage was done in that section of the city.

Mr. Mullen was unable to secure a messenger to send a message to the parents in this city as for hours the service by wire was held up as hurried attempts at reorganizing the service was carried on. As safety measures the police were endeavoring to keep the residents out of the sections where the greatest danger from collapsing buildings existed and it was several hours before Mr. Mullen could reach the place where he was employed and which he found badly damaged by the force of the shock.

He states that attempts to visit Long Beach were stopped by police as no sightseers were permitted there, all efforts being directed to the care of those injured and in caring for the frightened and demoralized citizens of the ocean front city.

ENJOY FAMILY PARTY

County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner, daughter, Dorothy Jean and Miss Florence Beighley, motored to Elmwood Sunday where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Bothwell and enjoying a reunion of the members of the Turner family held there. The members of the family enjoyed a fine dinner which was arranged by the ladies and served to make a most happy occasion. The party was honored by the presence of Mrs. Mathilde Turner, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of the members of the party, with her sons, O. S. Turner and J. L. Turner.

Those who enjoyed the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Orest Cook, O. S. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Turner and son, of Marquette, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Clements, J. L. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Turner and daughter, Miss Beighley and Mr. and Mrs. Bothwell.

VISIT AT LINCOLN

On Sunday a party of Plattsmouth people were visitors at Lincoln where they enjoyed the day there with friends. The party comprised Mrs. H. C. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Hallie B. Perry and family, Miss Grace Perry and Jesse P. Perry. While there they enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Mart Flansburgh, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Porter, Miss Jennie Critchfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vanpeten, Mrs. Bertha VanMeter and Mrs. Jennie Nielsen and family.

Bank Holiday for Local Banks is Now Lifted

With Resumption of Regular Business the Commercial Life of City Revives.

From Wednesday's Daily

This morning the general business activities of the city which have been checked to a greater or less extent by the bank holiday proclaimed by the President of the United States and Governor of Nebraska, revived as the banks of the city swung their doors open to the flow of business.

The order for the resumption of business came this morning at 8 o'clock in a telegram from the state banking department at Lincoln which gave the Plattsmouth State bank and the Farmers State bank of this city full authority to resume business.

Both banks were busy receiving their deposits from the customers and caring for the needs of the public, after the period when the banks have been closed.

The Plattsmouth State bank received the authority to open without restriction and all accounts were available in full to the patrons of the institution, the clerks being kept busy in handling the flow of business which has been held up by the restraints of the "holiday" in the banking business.

The Farmers state bank had requested that they be allowed to operate for a time under the provisions of Senate File No. 475, which allows the payment of old accounts at the rate of eight per cent of the amount at this time. This plan operates by the bank handling the old accounts under the plan of the new state law, while the new business is handled without any restriction.

The banks of the city are among the best in this part of Nebraska and it was most gratifying to see them again resuming their routine of business and serving the residents of this section of Cass county. The banks reopening means the gradual smoothing out of the difficulties that have interfered with the course of general business activities.

RECEIVE PLEASING MESSAGE

From Wednesday's Daily

Last evening Joseph F. Hadraba and family were delighted to receive a telephone message from their son and brother, Robert Hadraba, who is located at Santa Ana, California, in the earthquake district. Mr. Hadraba stated that he had escaped without injury during the quake Friday, altho there was much damage at Santa Ana, but none so severe as at Los Angeles and Long Beach.

He understood the large automobile sales establishment and garage, owned by Walter L. Thomas and Sons, at Long Beach, was badly damaged by the earthquake and practically wrecked by the force of the earth tremors. There is a great amount of property damage in the district and the various communities are already attempting to get themselves out of the wreckage and to resume the normal trend of life.

Mr. Hadraba stated that two small tremors occurred Tuesday morning but they were slight and did no damage aside from arousing the apprehension of the people who are still shocked from the Friday night catastrophe.

GUILD GIRLS MEET

From Wednesday's Daily

Last evening the members of the Westminster Guild held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. H. G. McClusky. Miss Wilhelmina Henriksen led the devotions and presented the lesson on Mexico, in a very interesting manner. Following the lesson a business meeting was held. It was decided that the next meeting for March 28th, will be initiation of new members. Mildred Kostka will be the hostess.

A young people's rally will be held at Lincoln, March 26th and if possible Guild delegates will attend. Mrs. McClusky, assisted by Miss Catherine McClusky, served very dainty and delicious refreshments, to bring to a close a most delightful evening.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

County Attorney W. G. Kieck departed Tuesday for Lincoln where he entered the U. S. Veterans' hospital at that place for treatment and an operation. Mr. Kieck has been troubled for some time with his tonsils and on the advice of his physician will have them removed at the hospital. The many friends of the genial county attorney are trusting that he may soon be able to return home and much benefited by the treatment and operation.

Moratorium for Owners of Motor Cars

All Must Have License for Car or Trucks by April 15th Say the County Officers.

From Wednesday's Daily

A moratorium on auto licenses for a period of one month has been declared by Sheriff Homer Sylvester and County Treasurer John E. Turner, which they proclaimed to the world today.

The car and truck owners have been advised by the officers not to secure the license plates until after the enactment of the new law for which is now in force. The additional time will enable all car owners to take advantage of the new law for the lower license fees.

Now that the law is enacted there will no doubt be a steady flow of residents of the county to secure the cute blue and orange tags that guarantee the right to travel the highways.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester will allow the thirty day period for all motor vehicle owners to secure their license and at the expiration of that time all must have license or not operate a car. The fee will be the same as for the entire year.

County Treasurer John E. Turner stated that he would announce as soon as possible the time when the county would make the refund of the license fees already paid, the excess being paid back to the car or truck owners.

MARRIED AT NEBRASKA CITY

Two well known Plattsmouth young people were married at Nebraska City on Saturday, Miss Helen Dew and Robert Hart. The wedding was a very quiet one and performed at the parsonage of the Bethel Evangelical church by the Rev. George Duensing.

The bridal couple had motored to the Otoe county city and were wedded and home before the relatives and friends were aware of the happy event that had come to them.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dew and was born and has grown to womanhood in this city and where she has a large circle of friends who will join in their well wishes to the young people.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hart and has made his home here in recent years. He is at the present time engaged with the Nebraska Basket factory in this city.

GUILD HOLDS MEETING

The St. Mary's Guild met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. F. Patterson and with a pleasing number of the ladies in attendance. The members enjoyed a fine talk by Canon W. J. H. Pettey, taking up a discussion of Revelations, applying them to the present day conditions. The meeting was presided over by Miss Barbara Gering, president of the guild.

A buffet luncheon was served by the hostess, Mrs. A. E. Stewart, pouring coffee, while Mrs. Pettey served the tea.

GOES TO SANITARIUM

From Wednesday's Daily

This afternoon W. O. Reeves, local world war veteran, departed for the Battle Mountain sanitarium at Hot Springs, South Dakota, for treatment. Mr. Reeves has been in very serious condition for the past year and it has been found necessary to have him sent to the hospital for treatment. Mr. Reeves is suffering from a disability that he acquired from his army service.

Mayor Sattler Urges Moratorium on Bond Principal

Chief Executive of City Presents Resolution Adopted by Council to Aid Taxpayers.

The city council in approving the resolution sponsored by Mayor John P. Sattler, asking for a moratorium on the payment of principal of the bonded debt of the city, will aid materially the lowering of the levy for the year.

The city will seek to have the interest on the bonds paid through the period of the moratorium but will try and secure from the bondholders the consent to hold up the payments on the principal over the present stringent times.

The resolution in full is as follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there are maturing each year and being paid off approximately Sixteen Thousand Dollars of the principal sum of the bonded indebtedness of the city of Plattsmouth, and

Whereas, taxes of all kinds are being paid in very slowly due to the present financial stringency, and

Whereas, there is to be a revaluation of real estate for the purpose of taxation for the near future, and

Whereas, such revaluation will materially reduce the returns of any levy made that is now authorized, and

Whereas, it appears advisable and desirable for the above reasons to pay only the interest on the maturing bonds for some period of time until economic conditions change for the better and thus spread the payment of the principal sums of said maturing bonds,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, that proper steps be taken to communicate with the holders of bonds of the city now matured or maturing within the next two years, with a view of securing and extending time of payment upon said bonds for two years, upon the payment of interest as the same may become due, and that upon the adoption of this resolution, the matter be referred to the proper committee of the City Council of this City.

PREPARE FOR TOURNAMENT

This week end the Plattsmouth high school basketball team will depart for Falls City where the Southeastern Nebraska regional meet is to be held. The Platters are the defending champions and share with Falls City the honor of being favorites for the finals.

The team is being given workouts each afternoon to keep them in shape for the opening round of the tournament to be played Friday afternoon when the Plattsmouth team and Stella will clash. If victorious in the opening game the Platters will play the winner of the Nebraska City-Auburn tilt and in which the Otoeans are the favorites.

The bank holiday which caused the postponement of the tournament from its original date last week, has been helpful to both Plattsmouth and Falls City, it enabling Rummel, fast forward of the local team to recover from illness and also restoring Bullock, star center of Falls City to the game after an illness. Both teams should have their full strength to send into the game in the tournament.

Owing to the distance there will be but few from this city able to attend the tournament, while last year a great number motored to Nebraska City to enjoy the various games of the two day battle. In addition to Plattsmouth, the Avoca team will be contending for the class B honors at Falls City and will face their rival of last year, Shubert, who were able to noes the Cass county quintet out last year. This time, however, Avoca looks to have the edge on their rivals.

TAKES UP NEW WORK

Herbert Patterson, who has been here with the H. M. Soennichsen Co., for some time, has entered a new line of sales work, being engaged as a salesman for the Western Surgical Supply Co. Mr. Patterson is a young man of splendid character and a most delightful personality and in his new line of work should find a real success. The many friends here will join in wishing him the greatest success in the new work that he has taken up.