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Boy Scout Training School at Nebr. City

New Set-Up Provides for More Active Committee on Sponsoring Organization.

Most of the group of Boy Scout executives, together with Scoutmaster Raymond Larson, Assistant Scoutmaster Russell Reeder and Patrol Leader Aulton Roland, who is taking special training to become a second assistant Scoutmaster, will go to Nebraska City again tonight for the fourth of a series of weekly training periods arranged for the southeastern district of the Cornhusker area. The prior lessons in the course have all been of much interest, the number present last week being enlarged to include members of the "Scout committee" of organizations sponsoring a troop, as the greater part of that lesson was occupied with the duties of the members of this suggested five-man committee.

Important changes are being made in the general set-up, that relieve the Scoutmasters of some of their duties and shift the burden to the shoulders of the committeemen.

Scouting is not an organization, to which one may simply belong, but a definite program in which members take part, showing proper advancement from time to time and must be treated as such. Area officials informed the group present at last week's meeting.

The surviving local troop is sponsored by the American Legion, and Commander Olson is going over the Legion membership to pick suitable men for this five-man committee. A considerable number of local Legionnaires from here attended the meeting last Monday night and gained a new conception of the wide scope of Scouting.

Another important change made in the new set-up provides for the holding of group courts of honors at centralized points on frequent occasions, so that boys may advance as rapidly as possible. This will eliminate local council courts of honor, but give each town the advantage of one of these group courts during the course of a year, when not only their own boys, but those from surrounding troops as well, will be advanced with appropriate public ceremonies. The next court of honor for this district will be held at Nebraska City in the near future, at which time Plattsmouth will furnish the only Scout for advancement to Eagle Scout honors, in the person of James Robertson, who was advanced to a First Class Scout at the local court of honor last spring. The number of Eagle Scouts over the district is not large at this time, there being but three or four in Plattsmouth, but under the new set-up with increased opportunities to advance and rivalry more keen, many of the Scouts over the district will doubtless be spurred on to greater activity and the earning of this most coveted of all Scout honors.

Mr. Fees has also been worked out, with the amount to be raised set at three cents per capita for the towns having Scout troops, regardless of whether there be one or more local troops. The per capita assessment for Plattsmouth will be around \$90, figured on this basis.

The school will continue for two more weeks yet.

TENDER RECEPTION

Friday evening, the members of the St. Paul's Evangelical church tendered a reception in honor of their newly installed pastor, Rev. G. A. Pahl.

Mr. Michael Hild introduced members of each organization of the church who gave addresses of welcome to Rev. Pahl and to which he responded in a pleasing manner. A piano selection was given by Miss Leona Meisinger, solos by Mrs. Gilbert Hirtz, a reading by Frank Schackneis, which were very much enjoyed.

The church parlors were decorated with cut flowers and beautiful colored leaves. Refreshments were served by a committee in charge. A large number of the congregation attended and expressed their pleasure and good fortune of having Rev. Pahl with them.

WILL HOLD UP WORK

The Lincoln Telephone Co., which has been doing some extensive work in rebuilding the line in this city as well as the main trunk lines between this city and Omaha, is halting a part of their work at this time.

The line has been built up as far north as the end of the paving and the section between there and the Platte river bridge will not be completed until the change in the highway is completed and the line then placed along the new roadway.

Avoca Schools Win in Better Citizen Contest

Southern Cass County School Wins High Honors in County Contest Held Saturday.

The county tests in the "Better Citizens" contest, which is sponsored by the American Legion and the Omaha World-Herald were held Saturday at the district court room in the court house. Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent of schools, presided over the contest.

There were a large number of entries and in the final results, the schools of Avoca were signally victorious and they secured three of the first places and will have the honor of representing Cass county at the state contest to be held at Omaha.

The requirements were in ability to successfully pass the prescribed mental as well as physical examinations, which were set as the standard of deciding the contest.

In the boys' group, Clifford Dean, Avoca, was awarded the first place and Ernest Gollner, also of Avoca, second. Third place was given Hayes Harris, of Union.

In the girls' group, June Gray, of Avoca, was the winner of first place, with Martha Upton, of Union, second, and Mildred Heil, of Louisville, the third place winner.

The first two of each class will represent Cass county at the state contest which is to be held in Omaha.

The Plattsmouth students who were in the contest made excellent showings, but were among the large number that failed to place.

A PLEASANT VISIT

Mrs. W. H. Venner recently had the pleasure of a visit from her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Eccles, whom she had not seen for many years. They had been attending the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago and on their return trip stopped to visit relatives and to take a view of the scenes of long, long ago.

Mr. Eccles was born in the vicinity of Plattsmouth and when but a child, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eccles moved to Beatrice, Nebr., and there he spent the greater part of his boyhood days, but made frequent visits back to the old home place.

Mr. Eccles graduated at the University of Nebraska. His occupation is Civil Engineering and in this line of work he has been very successful.

After making brief visits here among the Cole relatives, they departed for Beatrice, Nebr., where they had planned to stop for a few hours, then continue on their homeward trip until they arrived at Roswell, New Mexico, which is now their home.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

A fine son and heir was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Salsburg, residing west of this city on the Louisville road. The mother and little one are doing nicely at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The little one is the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salsburg and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haws, well known residents of Louisville and Manly.

SOME BIG TURNIP

The Journal office has on exhibit a fine six pound turnip which was raised at the farm of William Glabitz, five miles southwest of Avoca. The turnip is a great exhibit of what can be raised in Nebraska vegetables.

Death Comes to Former Resident of This City

Mrs. George Winters, Formerly Miss Florence Schultz, Passed Away on Sunday at Omaha.

From Monday's Daily
The community here was shocked Sunday to learn of the death of Mrs. George Winters, 26, of Omaha, a former resident of this city, who passed away at an early hour Sunday at a hospital at Omaha.

The death was a great shock to all of the members of the family, as Mrs. Winters was thought to be doing nicely following the birth of an infant son Saturday evening but she suddenly grew worse and sank rapidly until death came to her relief.

The deceased lady was formerly Miss Florence Schultz, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Schultz and she was born and spent her girlhood years here, attending the local schools and in the community had a large circle of friends who will join in the sorrow that her untimely taking away has occasioned.

She is survived by the sorrowing husband, three children, Mary Frances, George Jr., and the babe, as well as the father, N. P. Schultz and one sister, Mrs. Harry Bethel, all of Omaha. Mrs. Winters was a niece of Mrs. Bert Coleman and Mrs. Carl Ohlschlager of this city and Mrs. Edward Brantner of Omaha.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning at St. Peter's church on west Leavenworth street, Omaha. Following the mass at the church the body will be brought to Plattsmouth for interment in the family lot here.

A short service will be held at the grave here Tuesday morning. The casket will be opened at cemetery.

FUNERAL OF HAROLD MULLIS

The funeral services of the late Harold Mullis was held Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church and was very largely attended by the old time friends and relatives, who came to pay their last tributes of respect to the memory of this fine young man as well as to share the grief that has come to the members of the family circle.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, D. D., pastor of the church, conducted the service and brought to the sorrowing friends and relatives the comfort of the Christian faith that they who have gone on shall enjoy the glories of the life everlasting.

The Masonic quartet, composed of Frank A. Cloldt, Raymond C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr, sang "Abide with Me," while Frank A. Cloldt rendered the favorite old solo, "Face to Face."

The services at the Oak Hill cemetery were in charge of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Mr. Mullis having been a member of the order at Crawford. Raymond C. Cook, past master, conducted the services, assisted by other officers. The Masonic quartet gave the selection, "Rock of Ages" at the grave.

The pall bearers were close friends and former schoolmates of Mr. Mullis, R. Foster Patterson, W. D. McCrary, Eugene Burdick, Allison Flynn, Omaha, Howard Dwyer and Leonard Born.

WHEAT CONTRACTS ARE SENT TO WASHINGTON

Cass county wheat contracts were completed and sent to Washington this week.

According to information from Washington, benefit checks should be back to the county in two to three weeks.

Two hundred and seventy applications were completed but some of them were not completed on the contracts.

The total acreage signed was 9,058 and the production was 205,666 bushels. This will be a total of about \$54,000 paid to Cass county farmers.

There were a great many farmers in the county that had wheat in some years, but not enough to pay them to go into the plan. The sentiment at the wheat signing places seemed to be that they were anxious to get into the corn and hog program also.

TOWN TEAM PLAYS

The town football team Sunday afternoon were defeated by the Firemen of Glenwood, the score being 6 to 0. The visitors had a very heavy line and which held well and kept the locals from gaining to any extent. The local team was also crippled by the fact that many of the players had yielded to the opening of the pheasant season and were out hunting. The locals had many of the former high school players in their line up and Glenwood both school and college stars.

Merchants National Bank, Neb. City, is Robbed

Three Bandits with Machine Guns Stick Up Two Employees and Customers and Flee.

From Wednesday's Daily
Between 12 and 12:15 this noon, the Merchants National bank of Nebraska City was held up and robbed of an unknown sum of cash and bonds, the amount of which had not been definitely checked clearly this afternoon.

Two of the bank employees and a man customer were in the bank as the door was thrown open, three strangers entering and flashing revolvers as well as a machine gun, forced the men to throw up their hands. The robbers hurriedly gathered up the cash and other valuables that were lying on the counter and then with the two bank employees and the customers under guard, made their way to their car which was parked near the bank. The car was soon speeding west and two of the men were released before the car had passed the city limits, traveling north on highway No. 75. Later the third man found in the bank was released four miles north of Nebraska City.

The alarm was sounded and Sheriff Ryder at once called peace officers in the nearby territory asking them to patrol the highways through which the robbers might take their way. Sheriff Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster were out on the highway as soon as the alarm was given but at 2:30 there had been no sign of the robbers in this section.

HAVE SIGHTSEEING TRIP

City Clerk Herman Thomas with his son, Roland, son-in-law, William E. Mrasek and his brother-in-law, Cedric Eaton, were among the hunters who were out on Sunday to try to bag the elusive pheasant. The party had a fine trip and visiting the vicinity of Spaulding secured a nice bag of the birds and started for home Sunday evening. Passing through Columbus, the car sped over the highway and miles and miles were left behind and still no indication that they were nearing Omaha. The car finally stopped and inquiry was made as to where they were and the attendant at one of the wayside filling stations informed the party that they were near Grand Island and far from their destination of Omaha and Plattsmouth. The party drove back over the route and reached home Monday morning.

Herman ascribes the loss of directions to the fact that their were no Missouri Pacific tracks or signs along the road.

CARS ARE DAMAGED

The police force Saturday night was kept busy in attempting to check the activities of some person or persons who apparently were trying to secure themselves a car. The parties would try to open a car and finding them locked proceeded to knock off the handles. Several cars were damaged in this way, residents from the outlying district here for the week end trading being among the sufferers while Fire Chief O. Sandin also had his car damaged in this way. It was necessary for the owners of the cars to have the doors taken off before they could gain entrance to the car and also the cost of new handles.

The parties were wary, however, and while the police patrolled the business section looking for the prowlers, the car thieves were able to keep one lap ahead of them.

Preparing for the Hallowe'en Fall Festivities

Event to Open on Saturday and Continue Over Tuesday Night—A Great Event.

The committee in charge of the Hallowe'en Frolic and Harvest Festival are now busy on the plans that will make the occasion one of the most interesting that has been held in the city.

The event will open on Saturday, October 28th and will continue over until Tuesday night, October 31st, all Hallowe'en, when with a great festival night the residents of this section will join in a fine social gathering as well as a monster parade.

The committee in charge of the parade will offer some \$25 in prizes for the best designs in this mummer parade and in which individuals and groups will be asked to participate.

Among the various divisions that will appear in the parade will be Witches, Comics, Mummies, Ghosts, Pumpkins, Cats, Nursery Rhymes, Goblins, Headless horsemen and many other thrilling costumes, as there is a general entry that will permit the use of any design of costume to add to the attractiveness of the parade.

The residents of the districts near the city are also invited to prepare their costumes and come in to participate in the great parade which will be held at 8 o'clock on Tuesday.

In addition to the general festivities there will be a great harvest sale offer by the merchants of the city that promises to eclipse any that has heretofore been held and is a real buying opportunity in face of the promise of the advance of all prices in the next months.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening at 9 o'clock at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city occurred the death of Oscar Peterson, 73, who has been a resident of the Home since 1926 and was known to a large number of the residents of the city. Mr. Peterson was quite active up until a short time ago when his condition became worse, gradually sinking until he passed away.

The deceased was born in Denmark, May 11, 1860, coming to the United States when he was twenty-four years of age and he had made his home largely in Omaha since that time. Mr. Peterson was for several years custodian of the Masonic temple as well as the Scottish Rite building until he came to this city to make his home.

He was a member of Covert lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M.

The body will be taken to Omaha where the funeral services will be held Thursday under the auspices of Covert lodge.

FUNERAL OF HANS SIEVER

The St. Paul's Evangelical church was filled to its capacity on Saturday afternoon by the friends and neighbors who came to pay their last respects to the memory of Hans Siever, long time resident of the community.

The services were conducted by Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of the church, who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved wife and children in their loss and to the grandchildren who will miss the kindly presence of their grandfather.

The choir of the church gave two of the old hymns, a German and an English number being offered during the services.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery, a large number of the old friends accompanying the cortege to the last resting place.

MRS. PETER IS STILL UNDER HOSPITAL CARE

Mrs. Pether is undergoing many tests and having frequent X-ray examinations at the Clarkson hospital in order to ascertain the most effectual treatment for her illness. She is reported as being much easier and freer from pain. Efforts are being made to relieve the effects of the infection from which she is suffering, and are proving at least partially successful.

DRAWS DOWN FINE

Levord C. Richmond, charged with being intoxicated, was arrested Sunday at Union by Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster and brought to this city to be lodged in the county jail. This morning he was brought before Judge A. H. Duxbury in the county court to answer to the charges preferred against him. The man entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was given a fine of \$5 and costs which he paid and was sent on his way rejoicing.

Rev. Van Fleet, Pioneer Methodist Pastor, Dies

Was Early Circuit Rider and Educator—At the Plattsmouth Charge in 1894.

The death of Rev. Peter Van Fleet, Methodist minister, missionary, educator and a state representative, occurred on Monday evening at 9:30 at Lincoln, he passing away at the home of Rev. W. L. Hadsell. Ailing for some time he became seriously ill on last Tuesday night.

Born at Vlyta, Holland, Rev. Mr. Van Fleet came to this country as a child, lived for a time in Michigan, and came to Nebraska when 17. His pioneer experiences included service as a circuit rider for congregations between Fremont and Wahoo, and Malcolm and Seward. He was also a school teacher.

Aside from nearly a dozen Nebraska pastorates, he was financial secretary for Nebraska Wesleyan university for four years, and was a member of the board of trustees at the time of his death. Other positions included that of superintendent of the Nebraska City district of the church, and missionary to Porto Rico.

The Van Fleet teachers college at University Place was named in his honor. He was the donor of a state park near Table Rock, where he once served a pastorale, said to be one of the most scenic spots in Nebraska. It is a forty-acre plot.

Rev. Mr. Van Fleet was a republican and served in the state legislature as representative of the Thirty-third district for two sessions. He was a graduate of Peru normal and of the University of Nebraska. During early years he was an employe of the Union Pacific railroad.

Pastorates served by Rev. Mr. Van Fleet included Wahoo, Hebron, Fairbury, Seward, Table Rock, Auburn, Peru, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and Elmwood.

Rev. Mr. Van Fleet had no close relatives at the time of his death. His wife died about four years ago.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. in the First Methodist church at Lincoln, and at the Table Rock Methodist church at 2 p. m. with burial at Table Rock.

HAVE A FINE TIME

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening the members of the Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist church enjoyed a pleasant social hour at the club rooms in the basement of the church. The program and the refreshments were arranged by the committee composed of W. G. Kieck and John E. Turner. The members spent some time in the singing of songs that appeared in the new songbooks and followed by informal story telling in which each member was called upon to tell some amusing or thrilling incident that had befallen them.

The refreshments served consisted of popcorn, doughnuts and coffee.

LOCATES IN NEW YORK

Herbert Patterson, who is located in New York City at the Hotel St. Hubert, writes to the parents here that the Plattsmouth colony in the national metropolis has received an addition in the person of Damian Flynn, who has been making his home in Omaha, but is a former Plattsmouth boy. Mr. Flynn was a graduate here in the class of 1925 and also attended Creighton. He has secured a very nice position in New York with one of the large style publications and is well pleased with his work and the opportunities that it affords.

Nebraska City Bank Robbers Make Getaway

Thought That the Men May Be Same That Wrecked Car Near This City Two Weeks Ago.

The three men holding up and robbing the Merchants National bank of Nebraska City Tuesday noon, may be the same group that were wrecked south of this city some two weeks ago and made their escape from the scene of the wreck in a car stolen from Don Damast of Nebraska City. That the wreck at that time delayed the plans of the robbers for their stickup.

Sheriff Carl Ryder of Otoe county as well as Omaha police are of the opinion that the description fits that of the three men who were in the wreck here, it being thought at the time that the men might have been Wilbur Underhill and Vern Miller, noted bandits.

The robbers secured \$6,135.35 in cash and currency in the few moments that they held possession of the Merchants bank and later with the assistant cashier, William G. Eiseemann, Elmo Shuey, clerk, and J. P. Gilligan, as hostages, made their escape.

The men had entered the bank and stepping to the window where Mr. Eiseemann was conversing with Dr. Gilligan, commanded him to step away from the counter and to hold up his hands, while another robber covered the clerk, Shuey, the third man guarding the bank entrance. The one guard then covered the men while two of the robbers gathered up the cash and currency and with the hostages in front of them marched out of the bank and to where their car, a new Chevrolet, was waiting and which they later drove away. Shuey and Gilligan riding on the running board and under the threat of the badit guns, they being released at the city limits. Mr. Eiseemann was taken on north on highway No. 75 and released, returning some twenty minutes after he had been taken from the bank.

The car of the bandits apparently had been driven north and later turned west to the direction of Weeping Water where it was reported to have passed in a northwesterly direction toward Eagle.

DOING VERY NICELY

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Egenberger will be pleased to learn that they are doing nicely in their new home on the west coast. Mr. Egenberger was sick for a short time, suffering from his trouble that has at different times confined him to his home, being sent to the hospital for treatment. The examination at the hospital found him in excellent condition and he is to return home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Egenberger are now locating in an apartment of their own and where their daughter, Miss Helen, will make her home with them at Long Beach.

VISIT AT LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Janda and daughter, Ruth, were at Lincoln Sunday where they spent some time with Stuart Janda, a brother of Mr. Janda, who is at the Bryan Memorial hospital taking treatment. He has not been in the best of health for some time and it was decided to have him undergo a course of treatment.

Frank Janda, Sr., father of Stuart, was also at Lincoln Sunday to visit with his children there and particularly to visit the son at the hospital.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Honoring Mr. Robert L. Propst, whose 79th birthday anniversary occurred on October 15, a dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin E. Greene, Jr., in Lake Worth, Florida. The birthday cake was sent to Mr. Propst by his granddaughter, Miss Corinne Hallstrom, of Avoca, Nebraska.

Dinner was served to Robert L. Propst, Mrs. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Greene, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Greene, Jr., and son, Elvin E., 3d.

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