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Fraternal Order of Eagles Opens State Convent'n

Public Meeting Held Sunday Evening; Opening of Aerie This Morning at the Eagles Hall.

From Monday's Daily

The thirty-first annual aerie state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles opened this morning at the Eagles building at Sixth and Pearl streets, a large number of representatives being here from many of the cities in this section of the state.

Among the early arrivals was Frank A. Matthews, of Omaha, general state secretary of the order, who assisted in establishing the official headquarters and preparing for the registration of the visiting delegates.

There were several past presidents and past grand aerie officers arriving late in the day and early this morning for the opening of the convention.

Hold Open Meeting.
Last evening at the Eagles hall was held an open meeting for the visitors and the residents of Plattsmouth to extend greetings to the convention delegates and visitors.

W. H. Woolcott, of the local committee presided over the meeting and introduced the various features of the program. In the musical portion of the program, the Rotary quartet, composed of F. A. Clodt, George Jaeger, R. W. Knorr and H. G. McClusky gave two of their always enjoyed selections and Mr. Clodt favored the audience with one of his delightful vocal solos. Miss Janet Westover gave one of her delightful readings that was very much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Gilbert Hinz, another of the popular vocalists of the city gave two of her popular vocal offerings.

President Claude T. Powell of Grand Island, head of the state aerie, gave a short talk on the work of the order and the appreciation that the members felt in their annual convention that had been located in this city.

The main address of the evening was by J. S. Parry, of Kansas City, Missouri, grand worthy secretary, who in his remarks told of the principles of the great fraternity, of the many accomplishments that had been made through the work of the order in the humanitarian movements that had been sponsored by the Eagles, the chief of which, the Old Age Pensions, was now being made a part of the national law after adoption by many states including Nebraska. Mr. Parry's address was one of the greatest interest and especially to those non-members of the order and who found in the talk real vital facts as to the fraternity.

Convention Opening.
This morning the opening session of the convention was held at 10:00 o'clock at the hall when Edward Gabelman, presiding opened the program for the day in a very pleasing manner.

Mayor George Lushinsky was presented to the convention and on behalf of the city extended to the visitors the cordial welcome of Plattsmouth and extended to them the keys to the city during their stay in this community and assuring the members of the convention the deep appreciation that the city has felt for the selection as the meeting place of the order.

The response was made by President Claude Powell, who expressed the feeling of gratification for the grand aerie at the fine program that had been arranged by the Plattsmouth aerie for the entertainment of the visitors.

With the public opening of the convention they proceeded to enter into the business of the session and the various committees were appointed and started to function as the convention swung into the business of the meeting. Reports and recognition of the delegates and members was one of the first matters taken up by the state aerie.

The morning session was also featured by the inspiring address of J. S. Parry, grand secretary, who spoke on the work of the order and the benefits that the members derived from their participation in the fraternity. Mr. Parry's address was received with enthusiasm by the members.

While the convention was meeting

the ladies were entertained by the local ladies committee with a trip through the plant of the Norfolk Packing Co., which furnished a great deal of entertainment as the plant is now operating at full capacity on the spinach pack.

With the adjournment at the noon hour the members of the convention and their ladies enjoyed informal luncheons.

Arthur L. Keif is Elected State President Eagles

Prominent Plattsmouth Eagle Honored at Session Today—Session Closes This Afternoon.

From Tuesday's Daily:

The Nebraska aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at the session this morning elected the officers for the year and honored one of the outstanding members of the order, Arthur L. Keif, who has been state vice-president and is also a past president of the Plattsmouth aerie.

Other officers elected the morning session were:

Junior Past President—Claude T. Powell, Grand Island.

Vice-President—F. A. Mohring, York.

Secretary—John C. Matthews, Omaha.

Treasurer—John A. Miller, Nebraska City.

Chaplain—W. R. Brunton, Fremont.

Conductor—N. J. Pederson, Alliance.

Inside Guard—C. S. Funk, Beatrice.

Outside Guard—S. H. Rader, Grand Island.

Trustee—John F. Krumel, Columbus.

Trustee—Charles L. Meyers, Lincoln.

Trustee—J. C. Dreidubins, Alliance.

The officers were installed into their new stations at the closing session of the convention this afternoon.

The new state president is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keif of this city where he has grown to manhood and has been one of the active young men of the community serving with distinction in the work of the Eagles as well as fire department has been very active in the democratic party in this city.

Plattsmouth can feel proud of the selection of one of their citizens for this important office and who will give the Eagles a fine administration of the grand aerie.

AVOCA MINISTER HONORED

Avoca, Neb.—Rev. G. Bergtraesser, pastor of North Branch Lutheran church north of Syracuse, was honor guest at a surprise father's day program given by members of his family Sunday. After Sunday morning services, he returned home to find nine children, eight children-in-law and fifteen grandchildren awaiting him. He was presented by his family with a pulpit gown.

Following a covered dish luncheon, a program was given. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bergtraesser and Hazel and Clarence, of Cortland; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bergtraesser and Walter and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. William Bergtraesser, William G. F. Schacht, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kuse and Lorraine and Willard, and J. A. Wachtel, all of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergtraesser and Dorothy and Willard of Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Bergtraesser and Bobby and Mary Ellen of Beatrice; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schaikhauser and Carolyn, Bunny and Marian of Peoria, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. August Stubbendick and Maurice of Cook, Neb.; Rev. and Mrs. C. Bergtraesser and Elwin, Lyle and Myra of Gothenburg, Neb.; Miss Edna Bergtraesser and August Reinhardt, both of Avoca, Neb.; Mrs. Dorman, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Heftner and Francis and Paul, all of Syracuse, Neb.

ENJOYING VACATION

J. H. Graves, one of the rural route carriers out of the local post-office is now enjoying his annual vacation and during which time J. F. Wolff, substitute carrier will be on the job in delivering the mail on route No. 2.

Rains, Crops, Prosperity. Better days are here again.

Young People Quietly Married at Murray Home

Miss Florence Vivian Schutz and Mr. Earl E. Mrasek of Murray Joined in Wedding Saturday.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at their own home at Murray occurred the marriage of Miss Florence Vivian Schutz of this city and Mr. Earl E. Mrasek of that place, the young people choosing as their wedding scene the pleasant and comfortable home that they have all arranged for their occupancy.

The wedding was very quiet, the ceremony being witnessed by only the immediate members of the families of the contracting parties, who following the ceremony joined in showering the young people with their well wishes.

The bride wore a white tailored silk ensemble as her wedding gown. The marriage lines were read by Rev. Stewart, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Murray, the impressive ring service being used in joining the lives and hearts of the young people.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schutz of this city where she was born and reared and graduated from the local high school in the class of 1933. She is a lady loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends here and who will join in their well wishes to the happy young people.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mrasek and has grown to manhood in Murray and where he is now associated with his father in the conduct of a trucking business and is one of the successful and highly esteemed young business men of the Murray community.

OBSERVE ANNIVERSARIES

A triple event picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schissel, west of Plattsmouth Sunday. It was the seventy-fifth birthday of Mrs. Tell Billon; the twenty-eighth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason and Father's day.

The picnic baskets were emptied and spread out under a glorious maple tree, where all did ample justice to the food. Hand ball, barnyard golf and fishing afforded amusements for those who cared to indulge.

Those who helped to celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Tell Billon of Nebraska City, Mr. L. C. Raikes of Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Folsom of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Koke, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fitch Sr., and daughters Jean and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason and family, Ralph Germaine, Shirley, Donna Mae and Billy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mason and children, Donald and Jacqueline, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Koke and Sonny Boy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitch, Jr. and daughter, Suzanne Bobette, Mr. Cliff Jewell of Omaha and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schissel.

VISIT AT LINCOLN

County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner and Miss Dorothy Jean Turner, were at Lincoln Sunday where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rothert at their home for the day. While at Lincoln they had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Plattsmouth teachers attending the summer school of the University of Nebraska. Among those they visited were Miss Florence Beighley, Wayne Alvord and Miss Dorothy Downey.

DEPARTS FOR THE WEST

From Monday's Daily
This morning S. S. Gooding departed for the west part of the state where he will spend a few days. Mr. Gooding will visit with old friends in that part of the state and will also make a trip through the storm swept areas including the devastated Republican valley.

James S. Pittman, prominent resident of near Union, was in the city Saturday afternoon looking after some matters of business and visiting with friends.

SPEND WEEK END HERE

There are a number of Plattsmouth students attending the Peru State teachers college this summer, among those returning home for the week end and over Sunday being June Keil, Wilma Drucker, Lucille Meisinger, Anna Mae Sandin and Marie Nottling. The young ladies returned Sunday afternoon to resume their school work for the next few weeks.

Joe Krejci to Head Sheldon, Iowa, Athletics

Selected at Iowa School to Have Charge of High School Athletics, Assist in Junior College.

Joe Krejci of this city, who has been active in both teaching and athletic sports in this section of the state, has been elected as a member of the faculty of the Sheldon, Iowa, high school, being named as athletic coach of the school and also to assist in the coaching work of the junior college which is maintained in connection with the high school.

The Sheldon school is one of the leading institutions of northern Iowa and has many students from all sections of O'Brien as well as other counties in that portion of the state.

Mr. Krejci had been selected at Fairmont, but in view of the fact that the Sheldon school offers a larger field for his athletic work he is expecting to secure his release from the Nebraska school to take up the post in the Iowa city.

He will spend some weeks this summer at the University of Nebraska summer school before taking up the fall teaching, taking a special coaching work.

The many friends of Mr. Krejci here are pleased to learn that he has received the offer of this excellent teaching position as it will give him a great opportunity for development in the large school and junior college.

DONKEY BALL COMING

The fans of the city are to have a real treat afforded them on next Sunday at the local Athletic park. A real game of donkey baseball will be staged in which the chief participants will be a large array of donkeys trained especially for this sport. The donkeys come from the mountains of New Mexico and know all of the tricks that their speci are noted for. The donkeys are furnished by a traveling company while the players will be selected from the local kittenball players who will endeavor to win themselves a ball game under difficulties.

The game will be sponsored by the local kittenball association and the admission will be small, the proceeds to go toward improvements at the park and the general upkeep.

GOES TO THE NAVY

From Monday's Daily
This morning Earl Lamberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lamberson, left for Omaha and from where he goes this afternoon to San Diego to be a member of the naval forces of the United States. Earl has long desired to enter the navy to take a special course in training and was awarded a few days ago when he passed the required physical examination and was accepted in the service. The young man is a fine clean-cut youth and should make a sailor worthy of every tradition of the navy. He was a graduate of the class of 1934 of the Plattsmouth high school and has up to this time been largely engaged in telephone work. The many friends of Earl will wish him every success in his chosen field of activity.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Sunday, June 16th, George K. Staats, one of our old and well loved residents, celebrated the passing of his eighty-fifth birthday, the greater part of this long life having been spent in this community. Mr. Staats and daughter, Miss Pearl, had as their guests for the day, S. A. Sanderson and family of Lincoln and also Robert Emens, son and daughter who are to remain for a few days at the Staats home.

City Council Adopts Legal Liquor Law

Restrictive Regulations Placed in City Ordinance to Add to State Law—Long Session.

Last evening the city council held special meeting for the purpose of the adoption of the ordinance that would again legalize liquor in the city after an absence of some eighteen years.

Those who have wondered at the delay of the legislature to enact the state law in its four months session, could realize something of the difficulty of the lawmakers when it required four hours for the council to pass the city ordinance which in a large part was modeled on the state law.

The mayor suggested an informal session to discuss the various sections of the proposed ordinance before taking up the whole measure to be voted on.

The first discussion occurred when the section relating to the sale to minors or intoxicated persons occurred. The ordinance provided that the licensee have the responsibility as to the age of the party sold to. This was later changed to comply with the state law that held the minor misrepresenting his or her age equally guilty with the seller.

Section four of the ordinance covered one of the storm centers of the evening when the matter of hours of regulation sales came up. The setting of the hours of operation of the liquor stores from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. with sales to 10 p. m. on Wednesday and Saturday, had do difficulty of adoption. The question of beer sales was another matter, however. The original ordinance provided that beer parlors be closed from 6 a. m. to 12 noon on Sunday, Christmas and Memorial day and by the state law on election days until after the close of the polls. Councilman Puls moved that this section be amended to set the closing hours of beer at midnight and this brought on some warm discussion. The vote on the adoption of the twelve o'clock closing developed a tie, with Webb, Tipples, Palmer, Rebal and Vroman voting no. This section was later left untouched in order that the votes necessary to pass the completed ordinance might be forthcoming. The opposition to the closing hours was that it worked a hardship on local food dealers and allowed others out of the city to operate at all hours.

The section of the ordinance that sought to ban the drinking at dances or theatres was also amended by the insertion of the state law which provides that no liquor be drunk on the highways, streets, alleys or on any property of the state or city governments, or inside vehicles while on the public streets and highways, or in other public places. This amendment was adopted with Puls voting no.

The penalty section of the ordinance was read and provided for not more than \$100 fine for the first offense and from \$25 to \$100 for the second and subsequent offenses.

One of the most hotly contested sections was that in which it was designated as to the number of package stores in the city. This had been left in blank for the consideration of the council and drew a great deal of discussion as to the merits of the case. It was moved by Puls that the number of liquor stores be fixed at two and on this the council again tied, Bestor, Puls, Tipples, Selver, Schutz voting for the two and Webb, Rebal, Palmer, Brittain and Vroman against. The mayor then cast his vote for the two and which was later written in as the proponents of the two stores conceded the beer hours to the opposition. The stores must be exclusive liquor stores, however.

The matter of the regulation of the number of beer places in the city also brought out considerable discussion from the councilmen but this section was stricken from the new ordinance as the present beer provisions retained without limit to the number. The members felt that where the owners were not complying with state law or city ordinances that the matter could be best served by the revocation of license or the denial at the next application.

Councilman Vroman suggested that a section setting the age of those who were to be left in charge of places of beverage sales be regulated at not less than eighteen years. This was later dropped, however.

With the hour fast approaching midnight the ordinance was finally taken up as a whole and passed on the suspension of the rules and will become a law when published as provided.

The city clerk had received back from Lincoln two applications from the state liquor commission for the approval or disapproval of the council. These were laid over until the meeting on Monday as there are others to be reported and from all of these the city council must select the two that are the most desirable.

Well Known Alvo Lady Dies at Lincoln

Mrs. Laura Etta Hardnock, 53, Dies After Short Illness—Funeral at Alvo on Thursday.

The death of Mrs. Laura Etta Hardnock, 53, of Alvo, occurred Tuesday afternoon at 1:40 at Lincoln where she has been for some time undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Hardnock is a daughter of Henry J. Miller, former county commissioner, and is a niece of Mrs. Frank Brinkman and cousins of the members of the Becker family.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse L.; a son, Forrest M.; her father, Henry J. Miller, Alvo; four sisters, Mrs. John Wood, Elmwood; Mrs. Sam Hardnock, Alvo; Mrs. Floyd Lovett, Lincoln; and Mrs. Earl Bowman, Philadelphia; two brothers, Archie and Lyle Miller, Alvo.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday at Alvo Methodist church, Rev. Leonard Birkin officiating, assisted by Rev. R. J. McKenzie. Burial will be in Alvo cemetery. Pallbearers: Harvey Gerhardt, Elmer West, Carl Johnson, Elmer Klyver, Frank Edwards, L. D. Mullen.

RAIN BRINGS FRESHET

The heavy rain of Monday afternoon converted South Sixth street into a small sized lake as the result of the surface water that was carried down into the business part of the city.

The 2 inch and .41 rain that fell from 4:20 to 5:30 caused the creek in the south portion of the city to rise and overflow the mouth of the sewer and the result was that the water was borne on down into the main part of the city.

The box sewers on South Sixth street were able to carry practically all of the water and very little was carried on into Main street.

Dr. O. Sandin of the fire department maintained a watch to see that the sewers were kept open and also in the directing of traffic along the street. The water made travel through the street difficult for some little time but was soon carried off.

The creek that flows through the west and north portions of the city ran bank full following the heavy rainfall but fortunately was carried off without any damage to property.

The rain is reported to have caused some damage in washing gardens located on hillsides.

VISITORS IN CITY

Mrs. Chas. Contryman of Oshkosh, Neb., departed for her home Tuesday morning, after spending two weeks in the city, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Oliver. Her daughter, Miss Dorothy, remained for a longer visit with her grandparents.

Miss Dorothy Contryman who has been visiting in Lincoln the past week at the home of Captain and Mrs. G. W. Spoerry, returned to Plattsmouth Sunday, accompanied by Lieutenant Jack Spoerry who spent the day at the Oliver home.

SPEND SUNDAY HERE

Miss Mary Jane Hughes and Robert DeJoy of Omaha with Homan Walsh, of Lincoln, were visitors in the city Sunday where they spent a few hours at the home of Miss Maxine Clodt, a schoolmate of the visitors at the University of Nebraska.

Cook Family Gathers for Its Annual Reunion

Descendants of Joseph and Mary Cook Meeting 22nd Annual Family Gathering.

The 22nd annual reunion of the members of the Cook family was held in this city at Garfield park on Sunday, June 16th, where a large group of the members of this pioneer family were present to join in the pleasant event.

This large group comprised descendants of Joseph and Mary Cook, who came west in the very early fifties from their home in Ohio and to settle on a farm near the new settlement of Plattsmouth, in the then territory of Nebraska.

With the parents were four children that had been born to them in Ohio and later on the old homestead, eight more of the children came to settle on the farm near the new settlement of Plattsmouth, in the then territory of Nebraska.

At the gathering Sunday, two of the members of the original family, John and Phillip Cook, living at Beaver City and Hadar, Nebraska, were unable to be in attendance, also they sent messages of regret to the others of the family as did F. E. Cook of Tacoma, Wash.

All those attending had come well provided with the good things to eat and which at the noon hour provided a most bountiful repast for all of the members of the group.

Following the dinner the business session of the reunion and the program was enjoyed, the program being presided over by the president of the association, A. H. Weichel, of Elmwood.

One of the striking features of the reunion was the quartet composed of four of the original children, Mrs. T. W. Vallery, Mrs. S. O. Cole, Charles E. Cook and Joseph Cook, all of this city, who sang that grand old hymn of faith, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The prayer was offered by Rev. H. E. McKelvey of Mynard, pastor of a large part of the family group.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the following being named:

President—A. H. Weichel, Elmwood.

Vice-President—Orrest Cook, Elmwood.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Patterson, Plattsmouth.

On the program there was a very delightful reading by Janet Westover and a charming piano-accompaniment number by Beverly Jane Weichel of Omaha.

All of the younger children of the group from the babes to those fifteen years of age were brought to the platform and introduced to the members of the family.

In the family history of the year there was reported one death, that of Mrs. E. M. Stone, Alvo, a daughter of the late Mrs. Bina Kitzel, eldest member of the original Cook family. There were no marriages reported and two new additions to the family circle were Sarah Lee Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dixon of San Jose, California, and Charline Claire Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson.

The 1935 reunion will be held at Garfield park in Plattsmouth on the last Sunday in August.

HERE FOR FATHERS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber, Jr. and son, Richard and daughter, Marguerite, of Hastings, were in the city Sunday to enjoy father's day here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber, Sr. They returned in the late afternoon to Hastings after the pleasant stay here.

VISITING IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kalina and family of Dwight, Nebraska, arrived here Saturday to enjoy a visit over Sunday at the Cyril Kalina home, Mr. Kalina being a brother of Cyril. Mr. Kalina has long been active in the business life of Dwight where he has made his home for a great many years.