

Noted Engineer to Talk at Omaha District Meeting

Delegates From Five States Will Attend Convention Opening Next Thursday.

The guest of honor and principal speaker at the district convention of the American Association of Engineers next Thursday will be Harold Almert of Chicago, national president of the association.

Mr. Almert will speak at 8 p. m. Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce on "Valuation and Regulation of Public Utilities," to which the public will be invited. Members of the local chapter of the American Association of Engineers will honor President Almert at a dinner at 6 p. m. Thursday at the Elks club.

The district convention will include the states of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. E. B. Rhine of Omaha, member of the national board of directors of the association, will call the convention to order at 9 a. m. in room D of the Chamber of Commerce.

President Almert is a consulting engineer and business economist of national-wide experience. His latest work to attract attention was the determination of the natural laws governing the rise and fall of living costs and commodity prices. He also determined what constituted a normal housing supply and the law governing the rise and fall of rent levels, and the factors governing the cost of construction and the trend of building costs.

His latest activity has been a report on how to reduce the cost of heating the home. He believes that \$100 to \$200 a year can easily be saved in the average family's fuel bill. He was director of conservation of the United States Fuel Administration for Illinois during the world war.

Central High Student Publishes Book of Verse, Written "Just for Fun"



Virginia Wilcox, a blonde young person with sparkling blue eyes and rosy cheeks, sat in a chair at a round oak table discussing her future career. Though Virginia is young indeed, she is the sole author of a book entitled "Melody of the Silent Sun." Not long ago Virginia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilcox, 3804 Davenport street, had her poems, 58 in number, published in a little book. At Central High school Virginia is

known as one of the best scholars in the school. The end of last semester found her with five "As" on her report cards.

When school reopened for the second half of the school semester in February, Virginia will be doing work in a special English class. In this class only those who expect to be short story or poetry writers are permitted to enroll.

Outside of school she is interested in music, and she says she writes poetry just "to pass extra time away."

"Our Host" is Her Favorite. The poem Miss Wilcox treasures most is entitled "Our Host." It reads:

The world is our host; it invites us to come to an open house, and we go. There we find our friends; there we find our pleasures; there we find life. Yes, we find life. And, although we cannot have perfect enjoyment, we have happiness. We enter as babes. We stay for a while; but always the time comes to leave, and gladly we go. The poet says, "There is no place like home." How true it is when we are tired of pleasure, then, most death be.

Faculty Likes Poem. The faculty at Central High school takes special interest in her lines entitled "To a Worm." It follows:

What a funny, ugly worm you are! I wonder what God's reasons are. He gives you life and blessing, too. When others here are bigger than you and suffer.

But maybe I can't hear your song. Perhaps each thought of mine is wrong. And so His reasons must be best. If He gives to us twice blessed: A worm.

Yes, you do make people wonder When you crawl so slow from under Your winter robe again perfectly. Now men all call you willingly, —worthwhile.

Yes, little worm, I'm same as you. I'm just an ugly creature, too; There's naught of worth to find in me. If He shall call me forth to be A Butterfly.

Miss Wilcox says she will continue to write poetry "just for the fun of the work."

Chicago Engineer to Discuss Utilities



Out-State Credit Men Coming Here

Speaking, Banquet and Dance Feature of Meeting Tuesday.

Carl E. Herring, Omaha attorney, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of Omaha, Lincoln and Council Bluffs retail credit men and Omaha wholesale credit men at Hotel Rome Tuesday evening.

Delegates from Lincoln are expected to arrive in Omaha in the afternoon and will be taken on a tour of the city, after which they will visit the new Retail Credit Men's association office in the City National bank building.

Charles E. Black will be toastmaster at the banquet. W. L. Huntington of the Universal Motors will give a demonstration of psychology. E. W. Devereux, treasurer of the Harry A. Kock company, will give a short talk on the progress made by the committee in charge of the "pay your bills promptly campaign," which will be started in Omaha at a recent date. A dance will follow the meeting. Allen T. Hupp, secretary of the Associated Retailers and Mrs. C. E. Haney, credit manager of Hertzberg, will have charge of the reception committees. O. F. Olson of the Kinball laundry, Harry Haberstroff of Haberstroff & Son, P. J. Ervin of the Associated Retail Credit Bureau and C. F. Basler of Louis Sommer grocery, represent the committees in charge of the general program.

PAWNEE COUNTY RAPS ROAD PLAN

Pawnee City, Neb., Jan. 10.—Pawnee county will not be represented at the Nebraska Good Roads association meeting Monday in Grand Island, it was decided at the regular meeting of the Pawnee Public Service club here. Sentiment in this county is said to be against the six-year road building plan.

Acting independently of the club, several farmers of this vicinity yesterday mailed petitions of 316 signatures urging Representative Frank H. Taylor and Senator Laughlin to oppose passage of the bill.

Brake Campaign Renewed.

"Men who avoid brake tests and drive their cars with inadequate brakes are about as smart as the man who surreptitiously throws away the medicine the doctor prescribes for him," says a statement issued by Motorcycle Sergeant Charles Payne, referring to many motorists who, he declared, boasted that they avoided the brake tests during the recent campaign. Payne ordered his men of the motorcycle squad to send to the police station motorists whose brakes they find are in bad condition.

Prowling Washington With Nebraskans.

Attorney W. F. Curley has been prowling Washington for the past week or so, looking up old friends and places. Years ago his family lived here and was active in the affairs of Washington. Mrs. Curley accompanied him to Washington. They have been guests at a number of social affairs given in their honor. While here Mr. Curley attended the Wilson Memorial dinner at the New Willard hotel and shared honors with former Senator Hitchcock.

J. P. Cleland, president of the fourth-teenth division of Railway Mail Clerks association with headquarters in Omaha, arrived in the city the other day for a brief stay. Mr. Cleland is here in the interest of his association which is vitally interested in the passage of a bill providing an increase in wages for postal employees.

Col. W. O. Gilbert, of the judge advocate's office in the War department, was a caller at the office of Congressman Willis G. Sears recently. Previous to the war, Colonel Gilbert was an Omaha attorney. When the war came, he was commissioned in the judge advocate's office and has been there ever since. The colonel has a host of friends in Omaha and Nebraska.

Prof. Carl O. Carlson of Crete, Neb., was in the capital city last week attending the national convention of scientists. He has been identified with Deane college for a number of years.

Sigsby Sears, son of Congressman Willis G. Sears, has returned to Omaha after a two weeks' visit with his father. "Sig" is a senior dent at Creighton university. While in the city he visited all places of interest under the tutelage of a competent guide. He was the guest at a number of social affairs while in Washington.

Miss Harriette Cull, daughter of A. L. Cull of Oakland, Neb., is another Nebraskan who has come to the capital city to further a threat for higher education. She is a student in the arts college at George Washington university. While in Washington, she is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harding. Mr. Harding was formerly of Oakland but has been connected with the Treasury department here for many years.

Washington was covered with a deep blanket of snow the past week and all auto and street car traffic was impeded to a great degree. The snow remained for several days causing a great deal of inconvenience. Coming from a city that is visited by such snow storms quite frequently, I couldn't understand why there was such delay in removing "the beautiful" as the Omaha street department usually makes short work of it. However, Washingtonians, as usual, blame it all on congress. "If we had the right to vote, such things as this wouldn't happen" was the general cry.

Judge Sears was one of the guests at a dinner given at Wardman Park hotel last Tuesday evening by Catholic Lodge, No. 46, F. A. M., in honor of all Masons in the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the United States government. The dinner brought together many prominent men in the official life of Washington.

Harold M. Eaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eaton, has returned to Washington where he is attending the University of Georgetown law school. He is finishing his last year. A brother Wilbur, is a student at Notre Dame and is a member of the famous Rockne's football squad.

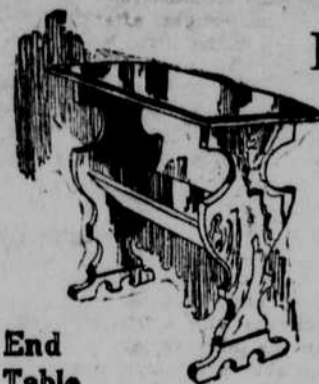
Hotel Changes Hands. Humbolt, Neb., Jan. 10. Mrs. Ada Yowell and daughter have given up their lease on the building and furniture of the Central hotel property here, and are now managing a hotel in Sabatha, Kan.

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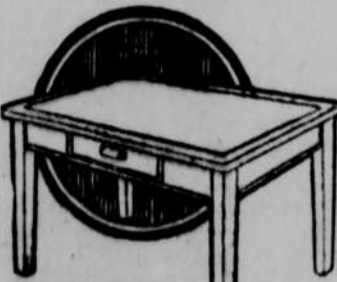


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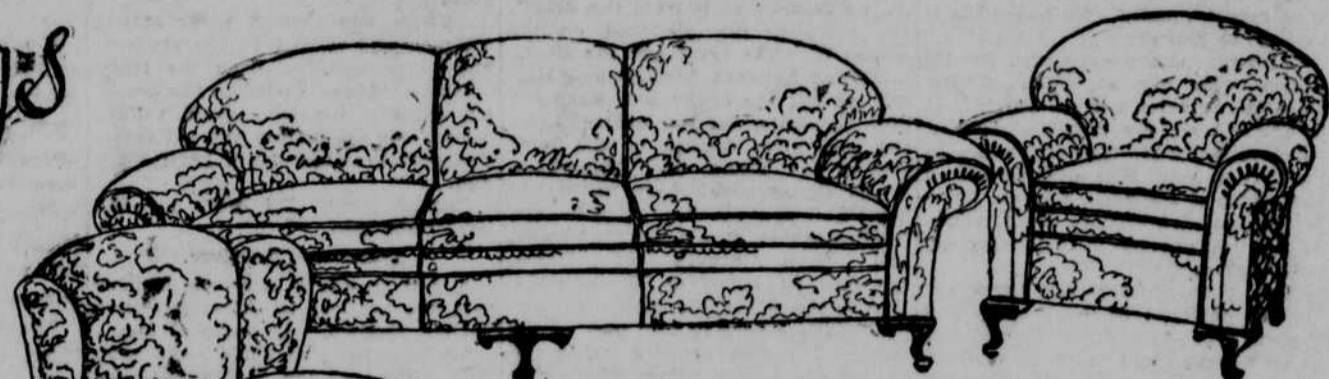
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