

To Have the Largest Membership in Years

Finance and Budget Committee Reports Almost 100% Response on Part of Citizens.

1930 membership in the Chamber of Commerce will be by far the largest in years. That fact is already apparent from the results announced by the Finance and Budget committee, of which Fred Rea is chairman. Mr. Rea and his committee members have only been able to contact a small percentage of those for whom they hold membership cards, but the results have been most gratifying and if continued in this ratio the total membership of the civic organization will run around four or five hundred, surely a magnificent showing, compared with the usual run of around a hundred members, and one that will inspire the officers to greater confidence and more energetic tackling of the work that lies before them for 1930.

One of the soliciting teams with 25 prospects to be seen, reports only two turn-downs out of the entire number called upon. Other results running to almost the same ratio are reported indicating the greatest interest in keeping Plattsmouth on the arterial highway that leads to progress and prosperity.

Certainly there is no business man, property owner or wage earner, but who can afford to invest \$5 (minimum) per year in the community in which he resides and makes his livelihood. And if there be such who cannot pay the amount in one lump sum, they can meet it in quarterly installments. This also holds good in the case of larger membership dues expected from the business men.

Subscribing to membership in the Chamber of Commerce is not a gift or a gratuitous contribution in any sense of the word. It is an investment that is as legitimate and as gilteous as any bond or security that could be offered you. It denotes your interest in the progress of your city better than anything else—it means that several hundred individuals are banded together to boost Plattsmouth instead of just a few, who give liberally of money but are woefully lacking in numbers. And lastly, the small subscription taken from each, makes available a sum that will permit of going out after enterprises and showing the right kind of activity when a new industry can be induced to locate here.

There are no salaries in the Chamber of Commerce. The officers and directors give freely of their time, meet twice a month at noon-day luncheons for which each from the president down pays his 50 cents, and quite often take their own pockets for at least a portion of their expenses when they are called elsewhere to transact strictly Chamber of Commerce business. Withal, they are generally first to subscribe to the succeeding year's budget.

How different is the paid secretary plan, where the greater part of the money subscribed goes into salaries and promotion expense. Don't you think such fidelity as this is deserving of your individual support as members of the Chamber of Commerce—especially when so small a sum as \$5 will pay your membership fee for an entire year.

Let's all back the efforts of these men and make 1930 a really banner year—a year of achievement and progress for our community.

Legislators Count Prospective Chicks

Make Usual Preparations for a Special Session, Which Would Cost Over \$10,000.

Members of the legislature who are counting chickens in advance are making the usual preparations for a special session such as preparing a bill to appropriate pay for themselves and employes of the legislature. This is usually the first bill introduced at a special session.

In 1919 a five day session cost \$10,450 for salaries for members and employes. The incidental expenses usually run up to a few thousand dollars. Members of the legislature draw \$10 a day for special session, not more than \$100 being allowed regardless of the duration of the session. Mileage at the rate of 10 cents for one round trip is allowed members.

"The governor may on extraordinary occasions," says the state constitution, "convene the legislature by proclamation, stating therein the purpose for which they are convened, and the legislature shall enter upon no business except that for which they were called together."

In case of disagreement between the two houses with respect to the time of adjournment, the governor may adjourn the legislature.

the vote on legislators within ten days after the vote is certified by county clerks. Some contend it would take thirty days to obtain a special election.

Section 2246 also contains this proviso: "Provided any vacancy in either house of the legislature during a regular or special session thereof shall be filled by the governor within five days after said vacancy occurs by appointment of some qualified person of the same political affiliation as the previous incumbent from the district in which the vacancy has arisen."

Only six vacancies are said to have actually occurred since the regular session was held. One or two temporarily living out of their districts claim membership in the legislature, and their rights have not been questioned.

How Do You Fit into the Community Picture

Are You Doing Your Share to Help Promote Progress—or—Just Letting George Do It?

In Chamber of Commerce articles last week much mention was made of what the organization as a whole has accomplished during the past two years, at a minimum of expense, and without the assistance of costly outside secretaries.

That meant a lot of our busy business men had to give more than money—it meant a personal sacrifice on the part of all the officers and committee heads which in time taken from the conduct of their own affairs. It denotes genuine interest in Plattsmouth and a desire to see the town advance.

Any paid secretary can come in and create a great stir, shouting loud and long at so much per hour—but when you see men taking time from their business to sing the praises of their city and then digging down in their pockets for money to help pay the expense of putting over the program they have formulated, you can instantly recognize they are not actuated by selfish or ulterior motives.

On the other hand, Mr. Citizen, how do you fit into this community picture? It isn't necessary that a man belong to the Chamber of Commerce to show his interest in and fidelity to his home town, but almost invariably when he reaches that stage in community building, no one has to even ask him to come into the Chamber of Commerce—he welcomes the opportunity of being a member of this progressive body.

The "drive" for memberships for 1930 is now making great progress. Nearly everyone the committee visits accepts his membership card gladly and with a feeling that the small investment he is making in community progress will yield great returns.

How do you fit into the community picture? Are you satisfied with the profile you present in the eyes of your fellow-townsmen?

FIRE AND PARROTS

It is difficult to think of a more horrible way to die than by fire. It was once pointed out by a great scholar that the progress of civilization is made only over the dead bodies of pioneers. So, too, the progress in fire prevention and protection seems to await horrible fire catastrophes to arouse consciousness of the fire danger. In 1929 the red hand of fire snuffed out many lives.

In an editorial of January 17, 1930, the New York Herald Tribune pointed out that the public concern over the so-called parrot fever was quite out of proportion to the seriousness of the problem. Suppose a dozen people in the United States had really died of Psittacosis, or parrot fever; there are at least twice as many deaths due to fire each day and only those actively working to prevent fire seem to worry about the appalling loss. Attention is directed to just eight recent fires that caused serious loss of life.

Mrs. Jensen Obtains Action on Vet Cases

Nebraskan Is Only Woman Delegate to Legion Conference—Takes Major Role

Mrs. J. P. Jensen of Blair, Neb., had the distinction of being the only woman in the United States to attend the national rehabilitation conference of the American Legion at this week as a full delegate.

The conference, which acts as a clearing house for all matters which come up for adjustment between the legion and the United States veterans' bureau, is considered one of the most important from the veterans' point of view, as the legion here has an opportunity to lay its plans directly before the veterans' bureau heads.

Takes Active Part. Mrs. Jensen co-operated actively with the three hundred delegates present, serving on several of the major committees of the organization. She also took occasion while here to make a special appeal to the veterans' bureau for the reconsideration of several cases involving compensation for families of deceased Nebraska veterans, succeeding in obtaining favorable action on six cases, with an additional seven still pending a decision.

Mrs. Jensen is the liaison officer for the Nebraska unit of the legion, under Commander Dwight Griswold and the veterans' bureau office at Omaha. She is also secretary to Leo B. Bozell, Omaha, vice-chairman of Area D of the legion, including five midwestern states.

List of Favorable Actions. The cases on which Mrs. Jensen obtained favorable action are as follows: Relatives of P. E. Peterson Stanley, deceased veteran, were awarded compensation adjustment of \$5,516, for which a check has been mailed.

The family of John Ford, Falls City, deceased, was granted adjusted compensation of \$1,573, which will be forwarded February 5.

The case of Mrs. Sara McBride Troxell, Humboldt, mother of Nathaniel McBride, deceased, veteran, which had been formally denied, was granted a new hearing.

The case of Harvey McMillen, deceased, of McCook, was reopened for hearing on behalf of his family.

The case of A. B. Madison, Omaha, deceased, was reopened at the request of the Theodore Roosevelt legion post in that city.

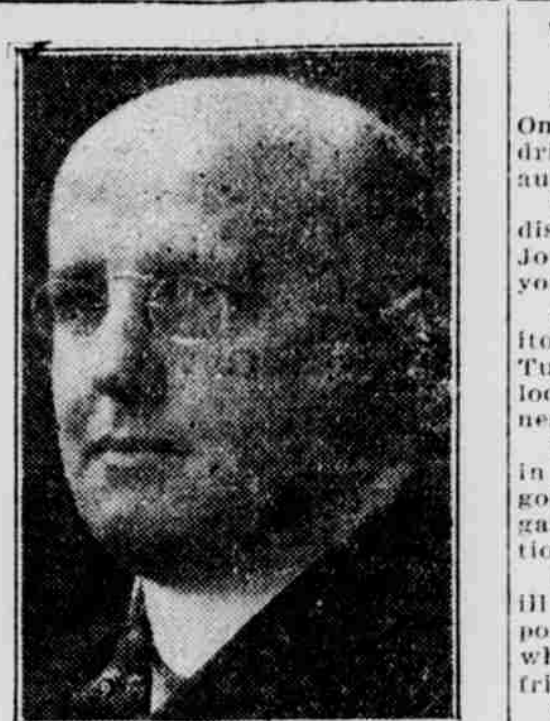
The estate of Meredith Kemp, deceased Omaha veteran, was awarded compensation totaling \$5,516, which amount is to be forwarded.—World-Herald.

94,510 British Wish to Enter United States

Critics Better President at Naming Bodies

20 Commissions Created by Congress Against Nine Appointed by Hoover.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Congress, somewhat critical of President Hoover for a "propensity to name commissions to do his work," has been even more prolific in creating these bodies, a survey revealed Tuesday.



THEODORE T. BULLOCK

Prof. Theodore T. Bullock, associate professor of economics and business law at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, will be the Charter Day speaker in Plattsmouth this year. Professor Bullock is a Nebraska man, first graduating from the University in 1911. He received a second degree in 1914. He has been associated with the instructional staff since 1913, attaining his present rank in 1929.

Charter Day is observed annually by the University and its alumni in observance of the passage of definite legislation for the establishment of the school by the state legislature on February 15, 1869.

The Cass county alumni association will hold their annual Charter day program February 15th at 6:30 at the Fellowship room of the First Presbyterian church. W. G. Kieck is the chairman of the local association and Mrs. Nelson Berger, of Nehawka, secretary.

SPINAL MENINGITIS VICTIM IMPROVED

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—The condition of Thomas Vanderhoff, University of Nebraska sophomore, who is critically ill here with pneumococcal spinal meningitis, was reported improved early Tuesday night by his attending physician, Dr. George H. Walker. Vanderhoff passed a bad night, Dr. Walker said, but he had a very good day, and was improved a little. The outlook on his chances for recovery, according to the doctor, are about the same. Vanderhoff was conscious part of the day.

Quota Under Origins Law Filled, With Thousands on Waiting List

Washington—Figures for the first six months' operation of the National Origins quota Act show conclusively that it has effected its purpose of increasing immigration from Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Besides this it has stabilized European immigration on the basis of the respective contribution of each nation to the racial stock of the United States.

Cabled figures received by the passport division, State Department, from London show that a waiting list has accumulated despite the fact the new law nearly doubles the British quota. The National Origins Act, after years of discussion, finally went into effect June 3, 1929. Opponents of the act charged that the enlarged British quota would not be filled, but cables to the State Department reveal that there are now 75,196 registered applicants to fill the remaining 37,449 vacancies in the British quota, while officials in London estimate the total demand at 94,510. The National Origins Act increased the British quota from 34,000 to 65,721.

The State Department reports much confusion over the status of the British quota, due to unfounded charges that it is not being filled. Such charges are attributed to misunderstanding of two elements in the computations on which quotas are now allocated. In the first place, visas are held valid for four months after issuance so that every fiscal year a certain number of aliens who received visas in that period do not enter the country until the next fiscal year, leaving an apparent vacancy.

In the second place, the law provides that only 10 per cent of a quota shall be distributed each month, to prevent an early stampede again giving the erroneous impression that quotas are not being exhausted. The State Department reports that the British quota has actually been completely issued each year for the last five years, under the 1890 census quota basis; and that there is every prospect that the enlarged quota will be similarly issued.

The national origins law has already wrought a revolution in the percentages of aliens entering the United States from respective European countries. The major increase into a specific country went to Great Britain and northern Ireland; the major decrease occurred in the quota of the Irish Free State, reduced from 28,567 to 17,853.

No country has been more affected by American quota laws than Italy. Italian immigrants outnumbered those from any other country in days before the war when 1,000,000 aliens poured through Ellis Island annually. Under the new law the Italian quota is only 5802 a year.

WEEPING WATER

John Cole was a business visitor in Omaha for the day on last Tuesday driving over to the big city in his auto.

George Metcalf has accepted the distribution of the Evening State Journal and will be pleased to serve you when wanting this paper.

Jesse Domingo was a business visitor at both Nehawka and Union on Tuesday of this week, where he was looking after his subscription business.

Dick Lane was a business visitor in Council Bluffs on last Tuesday going for a tank load of high test gasoline for the Handy Filling station.

Mrs. Walter Anderson was quite ill for a number of days but is reported as being much improved and which is good news to her many friends.

G. R. Binger and wife were guests for the day on last Tuesday at the home of their daughter in Lincoln, they driving over in their car and also were looking after some business matters as well.

Eugene Roddy who by the way is a very close friend of E. E. Moore of the Cole Motor Company, was over last Tuesday afternoon visiting with his friend and also having his model A tuned up to the very best pitch.

H. L. Richards, the hardware man, has been having a tussle with the flu for the past few days but was able to remain on duty as he was the one left to care for the store while Mr. Hobson looked after the work.

B. W. Hillard, father of Mrs. H. L. Richards, who has been here for some time and was assisting in the store, is reported as being quite poorly at this time and has been compelled to remain in his bed for a number of days.

Ralph Keekler was a visitor in Plattsmouth on last Monday afternoon where he was looking after some business matters and where he met many of his friends in the country seat. He reports very bad roads between the end of the pavement and Plattsmouth.

Jack Philpot shipped two cars of very fine cattle to the Chicago market early this week, having them trucked to Plattsmouth by the Joyce Transfer company from whence they were shipped via the Burlington. Mr. Philpot accompanying them to see them sold.

Are Enjoying a Good Business. On the fifth day of February, 1929, John S. Williams and family came to Weeping Water from Bonesteel, South Dakota, and embarked in the bakery business, and with the excellent work they did and the very fine character of bread and pastry which they put out, they have met with success, and are now enjoying a very fine business here. True the first they did not have much business but when it was found the excellence of their output, their trade began to improve and they are now enjoying a good business. They like the town very well and think it is one of the best places to reside. They are more than pleased with their business here. Weeping Water is to be congratulated on securing of this institution and of these excellent citizens. The money does not go out of town but is spent here, thus making it a very fine institution for Weeping Water.

Doing a Fine Business. Elsewhere will be found the ad of the Weeping Water Variety store, telling of the excellent bargains which they are offering. They are offering the identical dresses, which are offered by Henry Fields and at a saving for you do not have to spend gas to go see them or postage to send in your order. Just step into the store and you will see the dresses in all their beauty, and you can make selections to suit you. You do not have to take three or any other number, if you want more, take just what you want. See the display of fast color dress prints and percales in their show windows. Remember there is on the inside more wonderful bargains awaiting you, one drop in and see. You do not have to go to Shenandoah.

Chamber of Commerce to Meet. Arrangements for the meeting of the Weeping Water Chamber of Commerce to meet at the Rest Haven hotel at 6:30 Friday, February 7th, have been completed and a good time is assured. There will be subject taken up for the best interests of the city and its government, and a very fine supper will be had. All members of the Commercial club are urged to be in attendance.

Sell Motor Autos. The Cole Motor company reports the sale of cars during the present week to Albert Truck, who secured a two door and is well pleased with the new car. John Mueller of Avoca, who also secured a two door. John Ruge also of Avoca, getting a truck which he will use on the farm and also for hauling to and from market. The Nebraska Power Company secured a pickup, John Quinn also a two door.

Meets With Accident. While C. H. Shevers of Green Prairie, Oklahoma, his home, and who is grandfather of Mrs. H. L. Richards, and well advanced in years, as was his custom, went out a few days since for a walk, and had been gone but a short time when the telephone rang, and on answering it, the voice said this is the hospital and Mr. Shevers is here having been struck by a truck, and is very badly injured. The folks immediately hastened to the hospital to find him cut pretty badly about the head and face, but no bones broken. The shock with the gentleman when his years was considered, was very severe. However, he rallied and after a number of days was recovered

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John S. Williams and daughter, Miss Hazel, who were at Boonsteel, C. D., last week where the daughter was visiting with friends and Mr. Williams was looking after the hauling of a large amount of hay which he has there, returned home after having had a fine time while away. Mr. Williams says that he drove while away, 791 miles and found the roads very good all the way, notwithstanding there was much snow over the entire country. He is expecting to return to South Dakota soon again.

Sixth Chicago Gang Killing in Past Six Days

Three Slayings in Day Bring Ultimatum to Halt Bloodshed—One Near School

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.—Joseph Biccere, a grocer was shot to death in his South Side apartment tonight, supposedly by extortionists, bringing the number of slayings in Chicago since last Wednesday night to six.

Biccere's slayers had smothered the sound of their shots by increasing the volume of a radio to which the victim had been listening. Mrs. Elizabeth Padzunas, living on the first floor, said Biccere had been in her grocery store early in the evening to get a magazine and that she had heard the tones of the radio rise above their normal volume. Biccere's death came only a few hours after Philip Marchese, petty hoodlum and killer, had been slain in a West Side alley near a school by two men who fled after emptying their guns in the head and back of his prey.

Children attracted by the shooting ran to find Marchese lying face downward in a pool of blood. They excitedly pulled a fire alarm and the firemen notified police.

Henry Iovino, 21, who said he saw the shooting, told police he saw Marchese, known to him only as "Phil," walk down the alley and then saw two men jump from behind a hedge and fire.

The slaying of Marchese was the second shooting today and added to the public indignation which had brought forth an ultimatum from State's Attorney Swanson, demanding that Commissioner of Police Russell employ "most drastic measures" to halt the bloodshed. Gangland's first outburst today was the shooting of William Healy, 37, hoodlum and former convict. Healy was found with two bullets in his back, but refused to name his assailants.—World-Herald.

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