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Fire Destroys Old Landmark of the City

Tel Jed Sokol on West Pearl Street Burned to the Ground This Morning

From Monday's Daily—
The morning at 8:30 the Tel Jed Sokol hall, one of the old time landmarks of the city, located at Fourteenth and Pearl street, was discovered in flames and in a very short time the fire was beyond control and the structure, a large wooden building, was soon only a mass of smoldering ruins.

The burning of the building sent a shower of sparks over the neighborhood and the garage at the E. B. Perry home, a half block south of the hall, was caught on fire by the sparks but was extinguished before the fire had gained much headway.

The cause of the fire is unknown as it was first noticed by Severin Krejci, who was doing some work in the park near the building and at the time the flames started to pour through the ceiling and roof of the large building and in a very few moments the structure was a roaring furnace, the large hall on the main floor of the building giving the fire a great sweep to the destruction of the structure.

Chief of the Fire Department Dr. O. Sandin is of the opinion that the fire was caused when sparks from burning grass alighted on the shingle roof and gained a good start before being discovered by Mr. Krejci, rather than the theory that the fire originated on the interior of the building.

The hall was built in 1892 by the Tel Jed Sokol Bohemian turning society and for many years was one of the most popular resorts of the city, the large hall for years being used by the turning society and for dancing. In 1913 a new addition was built on the south portion of the building and until 1917 the building was very largely used for entertainments and dances by the residents of the city.

The hall has been long a mark in the city and many notable events have been staged there—the Mid-West Athletic meet of the Bohemian societies being held there in 1914 and which drew thousands here from all parts of Iowa and Nebraska.

Shortly after the completion of the hall the building was rented for the holding of a boxing exhibition between Fletcher Robbins of this city and an Omaha boxer named Jimmy Lindsay, in which Robbins died from the effects of what was claimed was a foul blow delivered in the course of the fight.

Since the coming of prohibition the building has been used only at intervals for the meeting place of Bohemian lodges and in the past five years the building has been owned by the Z. C. B. J. fraternal insurance order.

ROTARIANS TO FALLS CITY

From Tuesday's Daily—
This afternoon a large group of the members of the Plattsmouth club of the International Rotary departed for Falls City where they are to furnish the program this evening at 6 o'clock at the meeting of the Falls City club at the Hotel Weaver. The local Rotarians have arranged one of their meetings at the program that will embrace a short talk by Searl S. Davis, past president of the club and a musical program comprising a piano solo by E. H. Westcott, a vocal duet by L. O. Minor and Frank A. Clodt, a vocal solo by Mr. Clodt, and a number by the Rotary quartet composed of H. G. McCluskey, Frank Clodt, L. D. Hiatt and R. W. Knorr. In addition to the other features of the evening a series of clever skits have been arranged by Fred Rea and L. D. Hiatt that will be directed at the Falls City members.

Those who are to make the trip in addition to those taking part in the program will be President J. S. Livingston of the local club, Mayor John P. Sattler, Arthur Troop, James G. Mauzy, Frank M. Bestor, Dr. P. T. Heinemann, secretary of the local club.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. George Barr, who has been with her husband at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, came in last evening and will return tonight to be with the husband during the worst in his case. Mr. Barr was taken to Omaha Sunday night and it was found that his condition was such that an operation was necessary at once. It was found that the appendix had grown to intestines that had created a very serious condition and the operation one that required some time. The patient came through the operation as well as could possibly be expected and at the last reports he was still feeling quite weak and worn but doing as well as the short time following the operation would permit.

ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC TRIP

Mr. Robert L. Propst and Mr. Herman Cook left Lake Worth, Florida, April 3rd for an extended motor trip through the western states. They will visit the Grand Canyon, cities on the coast as far north as Port Angeles, Washington. They expect to visit with a number of Plattsmouth people, now residing in the west.

After seeing Yellowstone park they will go to Nebraska, where they will spend several weeks with relatives and friends.

Their return to the Sunny South will be in the late autumn.—Palm Beach Post.

From Monday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. Mary Ann Dabb, one of the long time residents of Plattsmouth, occurred on Saturday evening at the Nebraska Masonic Home, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

The greater part of the lifetime of this loved and esteemed lady has been spent in Plattsmouth, where in 1878 she with her husband came to this community to live and assisted in the developing of the city and the building of the home where they spent many happy years until the touch of years brought to the loved lady the necessity for the constant care and since 1926 she has been cared for at the Masonic Home, where her cheerful disposition and Christian fortitude has won her many friends among the residents at that place.

Mary Ann Irwin was born in County Naughton, Ireland, August 3, 1843, and when a child of four years was brought by her parents to the United States, they making the trip on one of the sailing vessels that served to bring to our shores so many worthy and loyal citizens to help make this great nation possible.

The deceased lady first lived at Elizabethport, New Jersey, until the age of nineteen, when she was united in marriage to Thomas S. C. Dabb. Shortly after the wedding the young people came west and located first in West Virginia and then in Nebraska, arriving at Plattsmouth in 1878.

Mrs. Dabb was the mother of eight children, seven of whom with the husband and father have preceded her in death, the only living child Mrs. Emily Morrison.

There also survive seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral services of Mrs. Dabb were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sattler funeral home and Rev. H. E. Sorth, pastor of the First Methodist church of which Mrs. Dabb was long a member, conducted the services. Mrs. E. H. Westcott gave two of the beautiful numbers, "Face to Face" and "How Firm a Foundation."

ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON

From Monday's Daily—
This noon the members of Greenwood post No. 175, American Legion, who were here to carry on the ceremonies at the naturalization hearing, were the guest of High J. Kearns post, No. 56 of this city, at luncheon.

The luncheon was held at the private dining room at the Majestic cafe and a number of the local Legion men who could get away joined in the most enjoyable event and to have the opportunity of meeting their friends and comrades in arms from the live west Cass county city.

Those who were in the Greenwood delegation were: Col. Phil L. Hall, George Trunkenboltz, Dewey Headley, Dr. H. W. McPadden, M. E. Peterson, post commander, W. Bell, Emery McDowell, Earl Stradley and George Bucknell.

Among the guests at the luncheon were Attorney Carl D. Ganz, of Alvo, also a former service man, who took advantage of the occasion to join the Plattsmouth and Greenwood members of the Legion.

GRASS FIRE CAUSES ALARM

The fire department was called out Sunday morning to check a grass fire in the vicinity of the tourist park and which had gotten beyond the control of the parties who were looking after the fire and caused some alarm that it might menace the property nearby. The department was able to get the fire out and reduce the flames to submission.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father and those who sent beautiful floral offerings. We wish to thank the pallbearers and also Mr. Cook and Mrs. Roy Cole, who so kindly rendered the songs.—Mrs. John H. Wiles and Family.

Patriotic Services Mark Naturalization

Greenwood Post of the American Legion Give Impressive Ceremony at Court

From Monday's Daily—
Today marked the formal opening of the April term of the district court, the opening hours of the term being devoted to the naturalization of a class of some thirteen who are securing their final citizenship papers. As a part of the naturalization the Greenwood post of the American Legion had been invited to come and assist with a patriotic program, they giving a very impressive touch to the opening of court and especially so since they represented a part of the millions that had served their nation in time of stress.

The Greenwood visitors were headed by Col. Phil Hall, past commander and colonel of the 355th infantry 89th division, in reserve, who was the orator of the day.

The American flag and the American Legion Standard were borne by the uniformed color guards, representing the army and navy while two of the post uniformed in the overseas garb served as the color guard, they entering and standing at attention in the court room as the ceremonies were carried out.

The preamble to the American Legion constitution was read by George Bucknell, past commander, and M. E. Peterson, post commander, in a very impressive manner.

Col. Hall in his address to the class of new citizens touched on the formation of our government, of the selection by the forefathers of the middle ground of a republic responsive to the will of the people rather than an autocracy or a mass democracy. To this great nation the citizen native or naturalized owed the fullest allegiance and service. The American Legion was also touched on as being for peace time service as well as in the war time, the devotion to the needs of the nation now and in the future years. The spirit of loyalty and service was lauded by the speaker as a part of the greatest nobility in the world—that of an American citizen.

As the address was closed a brief tribute to the fallen and disabled men and women of all of the wars, in the form of a silent prayer was offered and as the audience stood "Taps" was sounded by Marvin Tritsch, to close the Legion portion of the cemetery.

Mrs. C. A. Rosenkrans, on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, presented small flags and copies of the flag code to the class.

The Daughters of the American Revolution gave a short part in the program with Mrs. Fred G. Morgan serving as the representative of this patriotic society and who also presented the citizenship manuals to the class of candidates.

RECOVERS STOLEN CAR

From Tuesday's Daily—
Sheriff Bert Reed and Deputy Rex Young last evening recovered the Ford coach that was stolen early in the night at Alvo, the car having been abandoned along the roadside near Bellevue. The car was owned by one of the teachers in the Alvo schools and its theft seems to have been the work of a gang of thieves, several having been suspected of having been in the party. A Chevrolet coach was abandoned at Lincoln and driven as far as Alvo and where it was left and the Ford car stolen.

The sheriff recovered a part of the loot from the Fitzpatrick confectionary at Union, in the Ford when it was found near Bellevue, the occupants of the car having evidently and hurriedly abandoned the car and made their getaway back into Omaha.

From the general way in which the thieves operated it is thought by the local authorities that there must have been several cars in the caravan that visited the various localities in this county.

DOG BITES CHILD

From Monday's Daily—
This morning Reno Edgerton, 9, had his left forearm injured when a German shepherd dog belonging to Stuart Egenberger, while leaping on the boy, bit him on the left forearm, causing a slight laceration that was sufficient to bring blood altho the animal by reason of a small muzzle was unable to inflict very severe wounds. The dog has been in the habit of leaping on persons passing along the streets and in this play with older persons has done no injury but the little lad was unable to resist the dog who seized the forearm and caused the injury. The dog followed the boy from near Third street west of the Hinky-Dinky store where the lad sought refuge, the dog constantly leaping on the boy in play apparently altho it got rougher as it continued and greatly frightened the child.

As soon as the child was bitten, J. A. Edgerton, grandfather of the little boy, hastened with him to the office of Dr. J. S. Livingston where the injured arm was dressed.

GOING TO GREENWOOD

The Good Roads committee of the April term of the district court has accepted the invitation extended them by Greenwood road boosters to attend the mass meeting at Greenwood Friday evening of this week, when further plans will be laid for the securing of gravel on the west end of the Plattsmouth-Louisville-Greenwood road.

People residing in the northwest portion of the county are all enthusiastic good roads boosters and rejoice in the possibility of now linking up their portion of the highway with that portion already graded, extending from Plattsmouth west to the church corner beyond Louisville.

Opening of Jury Term of the District Court

Case of State of Nebraska vs. Alvin Anderson for Liquor Sale, First on Docket

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning the opening of the April term of the district court was called by Judge James T. Begley presiding and with the members of the petit jury present when the court opened at 10 o'clock.

The first case called was that of the State of Nebraska vs. Alvin Anderson wherein the defendant was charged with the sale of a bottle of hooch to Jacob Witt at a farm near Greenwood.

The defendant entered a plea of not guilty in the preliminary hearing held in the county court and on being bound over to the district court renewed his plea and appealed to the higher court. Mr. Anderson denies having possession of the liquor or having sold the bottle and contents to Mr. Witt as is charged.

The defendant was arrested by Marshal George Trunkenboltz of Greenwood and turned over to the county authorities and has been on bond pending the hearing of the case in the district court here.

The state is represented by County Attorney W. G. Kieck and the defendant by Attorney H. A. Bryant of Wahoo and W. A. Robertson of this city.

Woman's Club Has Most Interesting Meeting

Meet at the Home of Mrs. James T. Begley With a Large Number of Members Present.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. James T. Begley, the president-elect, a large number of the members being in attendance. The ladies had a great many subjects of interest to discuss, one being that of the sending of post cards of the new Missouri river bridge to their friends at distant points.

It was decided at the business session to hold the next meeting on April 21st and at which time the subject will be "Appreciation of Music."

The delegates to the district convention gave their reports, they being Mrs. James T. Begley and Mrs. John F. Wolf and which proved very interesting along the lines of the various matters coming before the convention.

The meeting was then turned over to the program committee and which presented a very fine offering of various subjects for the day.

Miss Vestetta Robertson was heard in a very delightful group of songs, the accompaniment being played by Mrs. Begley.

Jack and Bill Dalton were presented in a series of musical readings, the accompaniment being played by Mrs. J. A. Capwell.

Mrs. William Baird gave a very interesting and thorough talk on the Bible that was followed with the greatest interest by all of the members of the club.

The ladies had a very pleasant treat afforded them in the refreshments that were a treat from Judge Begley to the club.

MAKES GOOD RECORD

A number of stories have been told of the number of lambs produced on the farms in this section of the county, and one of the best that has been recorded comes from the farm of Arthur Crunk, where four ewes on the farm presented five lambs during the present lambing season.

Miss Jessie H. Baldwin Heads Better Homes

County Extension Agent Will Have Charge of the Campaign in Cass County

Miss Jessie H. Baldwin of Weeping Water has been appointed to head a committee of local citizens for the purpose of planning a Better Homes campaign in Cass county.

This appointment was made from the National office of Better Homes in America in Washington, D. C., which each year sponsors a nationwide program for the improvement of housing conditions. The organization is headed by Secretary Wilbur who succeeded President Hoover as its president. Mr. Hoover now serves as honorary chairman. Dr. James Ford is in active charge of the campaign.

Better Homes in America is a non-commercial, educational organization which has for its object the improvement of housing conditions and the promotion of a wholesome type of home and family life. Its program is adapted to local needs by each of the thousands of committees which have been established in cities, towns, and villages throughout the country. The campaign is sponsored locally by parent-teacher associations, women's clubs, civic associations, and in some communities by schools and colleges, as a part of their educational program. This is done in the study of home economics, manual training, civics, English and art.

A man or woman who is active in civic affairs is appointed in each community to serve as chairman of the Better Homes Committee for that place. This chairman then selects a committee of representative men and women to conduct the campaign, and include programs of lectures, demonstrations, and contests.

Wherever possible a house is planned and built, or a suitable one borrowed and furnished. In this way families of modest means are encouraged toward home ownership and are shown how a house of good design and construction can be built at cost by their means. Through such demonstrations prospective home owners receive many helps and suggestions for the planning, purchase or building of homes, and many families are inspired to make necessary improvements in their homes. The complete furnishing of such demonstrations houses on a restricted budget is helpful in showing to those contemplating the furnishing or refurbishing of a home the standards of good taste combined with economy.

When the Better Homes campaign is carried on as a school project, the furnishings for the demonstration house are usually selected and placed by students of home economics. Several houses used for demonstrations in past campaigns were built by students of carpentry and manual training classes.

The demonstration of reconditioning an old and perhaps dilapidated house, to make it comfortable and convenient, is another phase of Better Homes work. Such houses are usually furnished with done-over furniture and both house and furnishing then become worth while object lessons.

The house demonstration is supplemented by contests, such as small house and garden competitions, lot improvement contests and kitchen improvement contests. Schools participate annually through essay and poster contests, taking house building or homemaking as their subject. Students of home economics give public demonstrations of the use of labor-saving devices and methods of performing household operations. All of these programs have their culmination in the Better Homes Week, which will be observed throughout the country April 27th to May 3rd, 1930.

The central office of Better Homes in America at Washington acts also as a clearing house for information on all phases of home building and home life.

ON WAY TO WEST

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. Minnie McBride, of Tacoma, Washington, is here to enjoy a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Peterson and the other relatives and friends in this section. Mrs. McBride has been visiting in Texas for a short time with relatives of Mr. McBride, and is now enroute to her home at Tacoma. Mr. McBride and the widow has busy arrangements for the passing of the estate and home which was so much upset by the passing of the husband and father. The many friends here of Mrs. McBride are anxious to meet her at the opportunity of meeting her again.

TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily—
George Barr, who was taken ill Sunday with a very acute attack of appendicitis, was taken to Omaha yesterday to be placed in the hospital and to undergo an operation that it is hoped will give him relief from his affliction. Mrs. Barr and the family are with the patient at the hospital today.

PAUL VANDERVOORT HOME

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last night Paul Vandervoort, carrier of the city mail delivery, who has been quite ill for a period of several weeks, suffering from pneumonia, returned home from Omaha. Paul has been at Omaha for the past two weeks with his mother, recuperating from the attack of pneumonia that he suffered several weeks ago. Mr. Vandervoort is feeling much improved and it is hoped will be able in a short time to resume his work as a member of the city carrying force.

Arrest Man Once Convicted Here as Incendiary

Steve Biddick Picked Up in Omaha on Suspicion of Firing Millard Barn

Burning of a big barn on the Max Siert farm, near Millard, Nebraska, Monday night with loss of four mules, two horses, three cows and much farm equipment, was followed Tuesday by arrest of a former hired man, suspected of setting the building afire in revenge for his discharge.

The prisoner, picked up in lower Douglas street, was lodged in the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Ed Cobb of Wahoo and Ed Haduk, deputy fire warden.

Siert had discharged the suspect March 2. After investigating the fire Tuesday morning, Cobb and Haduk began a search for the former hired hand. It was learned that he had ridden a bus to Chalco, not far from the Siert farm, shortly before the fire, the officers said.

According to Cobb, the man in custody had served a prison term for setting fire to a lumber yard belonging to the Burlington railroad at Plattsmouth, five years ago. That fire was set, it was charged, because the man had had trouble with the railroad company.—World-Herald.

When convicted here the man gave the name of Steve Biddick.

"WHOOPEE" PARTY SILENCED

From Monday's Daily—
Late yesterday afternoon the police were called to Wintersteen Hill where it was reported that a "whoop-pee" party was in progress or at least several men were engaged in making a demonstration that had attracted the attention of residents of that section and led to the call for the interference of the law.

It was found on the arrival of the police at the place designated, that a party comprising two soldiers from Fort Crook as well as a civilian also from Omaha, were making the disturbance.

The men were brought on down to the city bastle, it was found that the civilian possessed a pint of the potent "hooch" and had broken one bottle when the officers arrived at the home where the celebration was in progress on Wintersteen Hill. One of the soldiers was considerably under the influence of liquor as was the civilian but the other soldier was apparently sober and claimed to have no part in the liquor part of the joy party.

The police notified City Attorney Capwell of the arrest and who later took the two soldiers to Fort Crook to be turned over to the military authorities to be handled according to the army regulations while the civilian was held here for further action of the law.

CRIBBAGE CLUB MEETS

Last evening the members of the Cribbage club gathered at the Stearns cafe for the weekly round of this pleasant sport, the members of the club being the guests for the evening of Judge Charles L. Graves and E. H. Schulhof.

On this occasion the club had four ladies present to enjoy the opportunity of taking part in the enjoyment of the evening.

In the playing William Barclay, one of the veterans of the club was the winner of first place and E. P. Stewart the second honors of the evening.

At the close of the pleasant event the hosts saw that treats of ice cream and cake were provided for all of the members of the party.

HOLD JOINT MEETING

The members of the St. Mary's guild and the Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's church held a very delightful meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. Robert M. Walling. The ladies had the pleasure of having with them, Mrs. Phillip Potter, head of the Friends of Brownell Hall and the Guild, who gave a short talk along the work of the organization. Mrs. Clinton Miller, vice-chairman of the deacony also gave a very interesting talk as a part of the program of the afternoon. The program was in charge of Miss Barbara Gerding and who was assisted by Mrs. E. W. Cook and Mrs. R. W. Clement.

Jury Finds Alvin Anderson Not Guilty as Charged

In Case of the State of Nebraska vs. Anderson, Jury Is Out Thirty Minutes

From Wednesday's Daily—
The jury impaneled in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Alvin Anderson, charged with having sold intoxicating liquor to Jacob Witt, made short work of the case when given to them at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon as they returned a verdict at 3:30 and in which they found for the defendant and acquitting him of the charges as preferred.

The case was from the vicinity of Greenwood where the greatest of interest has been shown in the action and a number from that vicinity were present yesterday to hear the evidence as offered on the part of the state and the defense.

The principal evidence was offered for the state by Mr. Witt and his son, Russell, who testified as to the elder Witt having purchased a bottle of hooch which it was claimed had been sold to him by Anderson, alleging that the bottle in question had been received on a farm of a man named Kelly. The liquor that had been turned over to Marshal Trunkenboltz of Greenwood by Witt was examined and analyzed as intoxicating liquor by Leo Kramer of the state chemist's office.

The defendant, Mr. Anderson, denied all knowledge of the liquor in question and also denied that he had ever had its possession or had sold it to Witt or anyone else. Mr. Anderson also stated that he had not seen this bottle or any other liquor at the Kelly farm and the first that he knew of the liquor was when it had been offered in evidence in the preliminary hearing in the county court last summer.

Mr. Francis Kelly testified that Anderson had not had any liquor at his place and that Witt had received any liquor at all at that place as was alleged to have occurred on the 27th day of May 1929. He had never paid Anderson any money for liquor or received any from him and to his knowledge neither had Witt.

The case was submitted to the jury shortly before 3 o'clock and in thirty minutes a verdict of "not guilty" for the defendant had been reached by the jury and Mr. Anderson walked from the court room freed of all charges in connection with the complaint.

HERE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

From Monday's Daily—
Sunday morning Leland S. Briggs and wife and son Rodney and Chester B. Briggs and Miss Margaret Yokum, all of Winner, South Dakota, arrived in Plattsmouth, coming to visit W. J. Hartwick and wife and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, as Mrs. Briggs has been very sick for the past two weeks, following the healing of the broken arm and ribs she suffered in a recent auto accident.

C. B. Briggs and Miss Margaret Yokum returned early this morning, driving Leland's car, while Leland and wife went to Omaha to get a truck for the Albaugh Motor company, of Winner, with whom Leland is employed as a mechanic. From there they go to Carroll, Iowa, to get a Plymouth car. Mrs. Briggs will drive the car, and Leland the truck, loaded with repairs and motor supplies, through to Winner.

GETTING READY FOR SEASON

Sunday afternoon the members of the Murray Red Sox baseball team were engaged in a workout at the park at that place, preparatory to the opening of the season which will be on next Sunday at the Murray park.

The opening game of the season will be between the Sox and the Colored Red Sox of Omaha, one of the fast organizations of black boys from the big city.

The Murray team will comprise such well known players as Fay Spidell, catcher; John Svoboda, first base; Harry Newman, shortstop; Ralph Gansmer, second base; Chet Lund, third base and pitcher; Alex Schlische, pitcher, and among the outfielders, George Sedlacek and Frank Krejci of this city.

The players are snapping into the practice in great shape and give every indication of being one of the best of recent years.

CAMP FIRE NEWS

The Wolooske Camp Fire group met Tuesday, April 8 at the Elks building. A short business meeting was held at which some of the girls gave some suggestions for making money.

We had our candy sale yesterday and made quite a sum of money. We want to thank the school for letting us have our candy sale there and for buying our candy.

We received our charter last week and it would look real nice hanging on the wall of some room if we only had a room we could call our own. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15th.—Reporter.