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Onward for the Year 1931 for Civic Service

Residents Should Enroll in Chamber of Commerce to Aid in Securing Future Benefits.

The starting of the new year in the life of the Chamber of Commerce opens another twelve months of service in securing for the city an concerted and united effort for the improvement of the city industrially and commercially and to provide for a greater expansion of the lines of city endeavors.

The past several years have seen the accomplishment of many notable projects which would have been unaccomplished without an organization such as the Chamber of Commerce to carry on the fight and the splendid spirit of community interest and cooperation that was shown and which was so ably commented upon by the retiring president of the civic organization, C. C. Westcott, at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening.

It is this organization that must initiate many of the civic movements and it is due to the officers and hard working members of the committees that falls the task of constantly keep hammering away on the issue until their goal is attained and to do this they must have the whole hearted support of everyone in the community, no matter in what walk of life they may be engaged.

It should be the goal of every citizen to see that every possible opportunity is afforded here for our people to have employment to establish and maintain homes and to make their full contribution to the civic life. In order that this may be accomplished everyone must get into the harness, must give their best to the city and to advertise to the world that Plattsmouth is not only a pleasant place to live with all the advantages of a small city and without the disadvantages that come to the dwellers in the larger centers of population, but is also a logical point for industrial enterprises to locate. The new president of the Chamber of Commerce, H. A. Schneider, is one of the busy and active business men of the community who in taking the office must make a personal sacrifice and delegate to others many of the details of his own business while he is serving without return the interests of the community and it is due to him and to the community at large that every citizen do a part in making the year 1931 a bright spot in the history of the city as the dark clouds of nation wide depression roll away.

Every property owner, every man or woman who make their home here or secure their livelihood in the community is most vitally interested in the advancement of our community and this can be best achieved by thinking, talking and boosting the community and its abundant natural advantages as a place for industry or for homes where the very best religious and social atmosphere has long made this city noted among the smaller cities of the state.

HAVE FINE MEETING

The Standard Bearers of the W. F. M. S. held their regular meeting on Sunday, January 11th at the church at 4 p. m. The counselor, Mrs. E. H. Westcott, met with the girls who are members of the high school club. They carried on the regular business session and reviewed the second chapter of the text, "A Cloud of Witnesses" which was of especial interest to these girls as there were stories of girls of their own age and what they had become as christian forces in their own country.

The girls enjoyed refreshments about 5:30 and stayed on for the evening session of Epworth League. It is hoped that all the girls of this high school class will find time to attend these meetings and not only contribute to the advancement of the work but all learn much about the worth while things that are being done by girls of this organization all over the United States as well as abroad.

The Standard Bearers have been preparing a play, "The Sword," which they plan to give at the evening Sunday service within two weeks as one of their public programs. They will also assist as the time Dr. Lydia Schawm presents the thank offering address for the Mother Auxiliary, March 1st.

FRANK NEWMAN ILL

Frank Newman, one of the veteran employees of the Burlington in this city, has for the past several days been confined to his home on Wintersteen hill by illness and unable to look after his usual activities. Mr. Newman is one of the oldest employees of the Burlington in point of service that is still on the active list and has for the last few years been engaged on the bridge gang of the company as a carpenter and prior to that time was working at the local shops. The many friends are trusting that he may soon recover from his illness and be able to take up his usual activities.

ARRIVAL OF LITTLE SON

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sorensen of Geneva, who have been here for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Heineman, were made very happy Saturday afternoon by the arrival of a fine seven and a quarter pound son who was born to them at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The Sorensen family reside at Geneva, Mrs. Sorensen being a daughter of E. J. Dempster, who passed away late Friday night at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha and the little grandson will bear the christian name of the grandfather, John Edward Sorensen.

Jury will be Called to Service Coming Week

Wever Case to Be On Docket for Next Monday and Several Other Cases to Be Tried

The petit jury for the November term of the district court will be called back into service for the week commencing January 19th and have several cases to pass judgment on during the week.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Mrs. Inas Wever, a first degree murder case, is scheduled to be heard on Monday, January 19th and it is expected that this case will take at least three days to be tried. This case is the first murder case in a great many years in this county and for its trial a large number of witnesses from out of the county will probably be called as it is not expected that the local people will be called on the jury.

The case of Alloway vs. Ross and Moran vs. Amick are also scheduled to be tried by the jury in the coming week. So far there has been no motion filed for a change of venue in the Wever case as was currently reported would be the case and it is thought that the case will be tried here as the interest here is largely curiosity rather than prejudice among the residents of the community where the Wever family have resided since 1923.

ORGANIZE MOTHER'S CLUB

On Monday afternoon at the public library auditorium here a preliminary meeting of the Mother's club of the Father Flannigan's home of Omaha, with thirty-eight charter members present. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Stella E. Hunter, of Omaha, who has been very active in the work of the organization in this section of the state.

The organization was made permanent by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President—Miss Thresa Rauth. Vice-President—Mrs. Richard Beveler.

Secretary—Mrs. Henry Starkjohn. Treasurer—Mrs. Emmons Pitak. The meetings of the club are to be held every third Friday of each month at the different homes, the first meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. John Bach as hostess and with Mrs. Richard Beverage and Mrs. A. G. Bach as the associate hostesses. All members are urgently requested to be present.

This is a non-sectarian club and all ladies of Plattsmouth are invited to become members. The purpose of the club is to do sewing for the boys at the home, making comforts, sheets, pillow slips and other articles.

FIXING NEW JURY ROOM

The court house is having some remodeling that will make for the convenience of members of the jury and the district court room where the changes are being made. The rooms to the east of the large district court room which in the first days of the court house's existence were used as offices for the district judge and court reporter, are being transformed into a large room for the use of the members of the jury while they are engaged in trying a case. The partition that divided the north part into two rooms has been removed and will now make one large room where the jury can hold their deliberations and the south room to be used as a wash room. This will do away with the use of the equity court room as a jury room and will be a great deal more convenient for everybody and the jury while engaged on a case will not have to march through a packed court room to get to and from their room but can step from the jury box a few steps and be in their room.

SELLS SOFT DRINK PARLOR

Charles Herrin, who has for the past several years conducted the soft drink parlor at the corner of Sixth and Main street in the Bekin building, yesterday closed out his business to Sam Archer, who has been employed by Mr. Herrin since he opened the place and who will continue to operate the establishment. Mr. Archer is a long time resident here and well acquainted and should enjoy the same splendid patronage that Mr. Herrin has had in his conduct of the business.

Recalls Old Time Railroader on Burlington

Death of Frank S. Granger in California Brings to Light Incidents of His Service on Road

"I note in your morning paper of the 10th, that Frank S. Granger died in Fresno, Calif., that it was said that he at one time lived in Lincoln and worked for the Burlington railroad, but you had not been able to find anyone that knew him here," says J. J. Cassidy, former Burlington yardmaster, in a letter to the Lincoln State Journal. "I can tell you something about Frank Granger. In September, 1882, I was working for the Milwaukee railroad between Marion, Ia., and Council Bluffs. I was laid off and together with a young man by the name of John Donohue, I started west looking for work. We reached Council Bluffs and crossed the Missouri river at Omaha. After eating our noon meal we went to the Burlington depot and he and I were sitting on a baggage truck wondering where we would go to get employment. I saw a man coming down the platform. He looked like a railroad man to me, so I said to Donohue, 'Let's us stop that fellow and ask him if he knows where we can go to find work.' That man proved to be Frank S. Granger. He told us that there was an opening for trainmen in Lincoln. At that time I had never heard of Lincoln or the B. & M., as the Burlington was called at that time. We told Granger that we were about out of money and asked him how would be the best way to get to Lincoln. He said he was conductor on a stub passenger train that ran between Omaha and Lincoln, that he was going to leave Omaha at 5:50 p. m. for Lincoln, and he would let us ride over without paying anything. We came to Lincoln that evening with Granger and he took us to the old Metropolitan hotel that stood at the end of where the O street viaduct now stands, or rather where Grainger Bros. warehouse stands now. The hotel was run by a man by the name of Holtz. Granger told Holtz to keep us overnight, that we were railroad boys and if we did not have the money to pay he would pay it. That was the kind of men the railroad boys were in those days. Next morning we went to the B. & M. depot and interviewed D. E. Thompson, who was superintendent of the Lincoln division and Jim McCanniff, who was superintendent of the A. & N. road, running from Lincoln to Archison. From that time I was with the B. & M. for thirty-three years.

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BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY

Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Vincent on Wintersteen hill was the scene of a very happy gathering as a large group of young people gathered there to join in a surprise on Harold Vincent, celebrating his fifteenth birthday anniversary. The evening was spent most delightfully in games of all kinds and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the members of the jolly party and which made the hours pass very rapidly. At an appropriate hour a very dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. Vincent who was assisted by Misses Opal and Ruby Sheldon. The members of the party departed at a late hour wishing Harold many more such happy anniversaries in the future.

Those who enjoyed the event were: Misses Opal and Ruby Sheldon, Margaret LaHoda, Veda Shiffer, Geneva and Carolina Higel, Elsie Rice, Florence Rhodes, Norma and Thelma Baumgart, Messers George Luschnisky, Stuart Porter, Glen Puls, Glen Kohrell, Howard and Clifton Clark, Earl Johnson, Arnold Sharp, Lawrence Rhodes, Marvin Andrews, and Kenneth Henderson.

RABBITS WIN PRIZE

C. L. Pittman, of this city, who conducts the Hi-Way Rabbit farm in the south part of this city on highway No. 75, has just received notice that he was awarded the first prize at the Omaha poultry and pet stock show, his Chinchilla buck rabbit that he had on exhibition there being awarded the highest honors in his class. The rabbit was awarded the prize as heavy weight Chinchilla buck.

This rabbit was the winner of the Tri-County Poultry and Pet Stock show held in this city and was the object of universal admiration for his beauty and size and represents a fine strain of the very best of ancestry he has come of a fine pedigreed stock that has produced many prize winners.

VISITS FRIENDS HERE

From Monday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. E. S. Garver of Grant City, Missouri, with Mrs. Capitola Osmond of Omaha, were here for a few hours visiting with the old time friends, the Bates family, who were old friends and neighbors of the Garvey family while Col. M. A. Bates and Robert A. and T. B. Bates were residents of the Missouri city. The late E. S. Garver was the successor of Col. Bates in the North County Times at Grant City. The visit was one very much enjoyed by the old friends in the renewal of the association of the long ago.

Death of Well Known Nebraska Man at Omaha

Edward J. Dempster of Geneva, Member of Guaranty Fund Commission, Dies

The death of Edward J. Dempster, of Geneva, father of Mrs. P. T. Heineman of this city and former member of the Guaranty Fund commission of the state of Nebraska, occurred at Omaha early Saturday morning, where for several weeks Mr. Dempster has been in very serious condition and with but little hope of his recovery.

Mr. Dempster, who has been a frequent visitor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Heineman and family and also was for several years serving as the reevever of the defunct Bank of Cass County, as a member of the state guaranty fund commission, on a stub passenger train that ran between Omaha and Lincoln, that he was going to leave Omaha at 5:50 p. m. for Lincoln, and he would let us ride over without paying anything. We came to Lincoln that evening with Granger and he took us to the old Metropolitan hotel that stood at the end of where the O street viaduct now stands, or rather where Grainger Bros. warehouse stands now. The hotel was run by a man by the name of Holtz. Granger told Holtz to keep us overnight, that we were railroad boys and if we did not have the money to pay he would pay it. That was the kind of men the railroad boys were in those days. Next morning we went to the B. & M. depot and interviewed D. E. Thompson, who was superintendent of the Lincoln division and Jim McCanniff, who was superintendent of the A. & N. road, running from Lincoln to Archison. From that time I was with the B. & M. for thirty-three years.

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ENJOY A SOCIAL TIME

Last evening the members of Nebraska chapter No. 2, of the Royal Arch Masons, were the hosts at a very delightful card party and smoker at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building and at which time they had as the guests of the evening the Master Masons of the county.

The members of the jolly group of Masons enjoyed the evening at cards and in which many a hard struggle was enjoyed at pinocle and pitch with the result that Anderson Lloyd of Murray was winner of the chief pinocle prize while in the pitch contest, Clyde Graves was the winner of the first honor and William H. Wehrlein the consolation. During the evening the members of the party enjoyed short talks from a number of the visiting Masons including James M. Robertson, past grand high priest of the R. A. M. of Nebraska, H. B. Koop of Louisville, Orin Kollard of Nehawka, H. A. Schneider, Hon. W. B. Banning of Union and R. Foster Patterson.

The members of the party enjoyed refreshments of sandwiches and coffee and the fragrant Havannas that added to the pleasures of the evening.

MANY IN COYOTE HUNT

Saturday morning, with the shrill sounding of the Burlington shop whistle, a force of 1,000 men and boys started out on a raid on the coyotes and wolves that might infest the territory adjoining this city and west and as the result of the drive there were five of the coyotes killed. The hunters assembled at the tourist park and where they were then taken by trucks to the scene of action out of the city and where the cordons of hunters gradually closed in on the wild animals.

After the hunt the trophies of the hunt were auctioned off and as the result the Associated Charities of the city were able to receive the sum of \$16.50, which was turned over to Mrs. Lottie Rosenberns, secretary, and will be used in the buying of shoes and clothing for the needy children of the community.

The hunt produced a great deal of sport for the members of the hunting party and also resulted in a neat sum for a most worthy cause and the members of the hunting party felt well repaid for their efforts.

Plattsmouth Bridge Company Holds Election

H. A. Schneider Again Selected as Head of Company That Owns Bridge Over Missouri

From Wednesday's Daily—The annual meeting of the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., which built and operates the traffic bridge over the Missouri river at this place, was held yesterday at Omaha where a large number of the stockholders reside. The company has one of the finest bridges in the west in the structure near this city and which has attracted universal attention as an important link in trans-continental travel, it being on the direct route from Chicago to the west and has brought this community a great number of travelers in the past summer and fall as well as being a very popular structure for the use of the Iowa farmers.

The meeting elected the officers for the year and the present officers were again named for their respective positions, they being:

President—H. A. Schneider, Plattsmouth.

Vice President—R. A. Leussier, Omaha.

Secretary—Glen Venrick, Omaha.

Treasurer—John W. Towle, Plattsmouth; James T. Begley, Plattsmouth; Carl Vogle and Lawrence Brinker of Omaha.

Following the business session the officers of the bridge company were the guests of Mr. John W. Towle, president of the Omaha Steel Works at a delightful luncheon at the Athletic club.

HAVE A FINE PROGRAM

The members of the Rotary club enjoyed an unusually fine program at the weekly luncheon on Tuesday noon at the Majestic cafe. The program was under the leadership of Judge A. H. Duxbury and embraced the usual array of the Rotary songs and national anthems.

The program consisted of two offerings, Miss Mary Jane Tidball, of the dramatic department of the school, giving excerpts from "Acres of Diamonds" by Dr. Russell J. Conwell, one of the best known of platform orators. This splendid number fitted very finely with the short address of Searl S. Davis on the community of Plattsmouth, as Mr. Davis took up and pictured the many beautiful places, the natural charm and advantages that are possessed by this city, the splendid citizenship and social and religious atmosphere and extolled these facts which are under our eyes each day and to which we are so blind as the Persian farmer took up his farm home to seek after diamonds only to have a stranger come and uncover the wealth of diamonds that were hidden on the farm.

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—The board of commissioners of Cass county met yesterday at the court house in what is known as the "annual meeting," which is set by law as the time for the preparation of the estimate for expense for the county, the fixing of the salaries of the clerks in the various offices not set by statute, the rate of pay for the road work of the county.

The estimate of the expense for the county for the year 1931 was set at \$176,700 which is divided among the funds of the county as shown: general, \$65,000; road, \$55,000; bridge, \$60,000; mother's pensions, \$1,200; soldier's relief, \$1,200.

It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,250 for the operation of the Cass County Fair Bureau as per the request of the farm bureau.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

Mrs. Jennie Opelt, widow of Joseph Opelt, pioneer hotel man, died Wednesday day at Glendale, Calif., according to word received in Lincoln. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal church of Lincoln and belonged to Temple chapter of the O. E. S.

The Opelt family were residents of Plattsmouth at one time and connected with the Hotel Riley in this city, going from here to Lincoln where they resided until going to Lincoln. Mrs. Opelt was the mother of Eugene Opelt, well known resident of this city for many years and who has preceded her in death.

The Opelt family operated the Opelt and later the Windsor hotel at Lincoln for a number of years.

REV. C. O. TROY ILL

Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, was taken ill Saturday evening and was unable to take charge of the services Sunday at the church. Rev. Troy was in poor health when coming here and for several weeks following the close of the state church conference was under treatment but since reaching this city he has been feeling much better and it is hoped that the present attack will soon pass away.

CHARGED WITH NON-SUPPORT

From Tuesday's Daily—Constable Tom Svoboda was at Avoca yesterday where he was called to take into custody Leo J. McCann against whom a complaint was filed here charging him with having failed to pay over \$15 per month for the care and support of a minor child and for violation of the decree of a court in the divorce action of Mrs. Clara McCann. The offense as charged is for the month of from April 19th to May 19th 1930. The defendant was held here pending the hearing of the matter in the district court before Judge Begley.

Episcopal Societies Hold Annual Election

Woman's Auxiliary and the St. Mary's Guild Hold Election at Their Meeting Tuesday

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary and the St. Mary's guild of the Episcopal church of this city, held a joint meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Dora Fricke on North Sixth street and was quite largely attended by the membership.

The meeting was under the leadership of Mrs. George Petring and who took up the study subject that the ladies are having as their year's work, that of India. Mrs. Petring presenting a very interesting paper on "Races, Manners and Customs of India."

The election of the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary resulted in the following being named: Mrs. R. F. Patterson, president; Mrs. H. C. McMaken, vice-president; Mrs. Perry Coffman, secretary; Mrs. George K. Petring, treasurer.

In the St. Mary's Guild the following officers were selected by the members: Mrs. R. W. Clement, president; Miss Barbara Gering, vice-president; Mrs. H. C. McMaken, secretary; Mrs. Harley Wilkes, treasurer.

The session was concluded by the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments that added to the enjoyment of all of the members in attendance.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Wednesday's Daily—A message was received here last evening by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bach conveying the sad news of the death yesterday afternoon at Omaha of Mrs. John M. Carney, Jr., wife of a nephew of Mrs. Bach. The news of the death came as a great shock to the members of the family here as Mrs. Carney had been ill only a week and that she was in such a critical condition was not realized. Mrs. Carney was suffering from an attack of black smallpox of a very severe type and which had been the first cause of her illness and was followed by a sudden weakening of the heart and death. Owing to the nature of the illness the funeral will be private at the home, 293 South 73rd street at Omaha. Mrs. Carney was twenty-one years of age and had been married a year last June and her untimely death has come as a severe blow to the young husband and the members of the family.

W. H. THIEHOFF HERE

W. H. Thiehoff, general manager of the lines east of the Burlington, was in the city for a few moments on Tuesday while en route back east. Mr. Thiehoff had come as far as Omaha on a new motor car that was built in the east for the Colorado Southern railroad for the use of their lines. The motor car is of the latest type and one that has attracted much attention in railroad circles as the model for many railroad lines. Mr. Thiehoff is well acquainted with the veterans of the railroad and while here awaiting his train enjoyed a visit with the force at the local Burlington station. From here Mr. Thiehoff left for Kansas City where he was speaker at a banquet and get together of the railroad men.

REACHES ZERO TODAY

From Wednesday's Daily—After weeks and weeks of the glorious weather that has featured this section of Nebraska, the mercury this morning reached the zero mark at 8 o'clock after the coldest night of the winter so far and which brought the mercury to a few points below zero in the real early morning hours. However, the clearing sky and the sunshine brought warmer weather and the day proved a most pleasant one.

IS SUDDENLY STRICKEN

From Wednesday's Daily—Frank A. J. Miller, local service man, was taken ill very suddenly this noon while en route to his home on Lincoln avenue and collapsed on the street, it being necessary for two men passing to assist him on to his home where medical aid was called. Mr. Miller seemed to be affected by a slight stroke.

WILL ISSUE DIRECTORY

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. are preparing to issue a new directory soon and the management is desirous that those who are planning on having telephones installed or changes made, to do this at once so that their names can appear in the new directory which is being issued in a short time.

Bus Line Serves Plattsmouth and Louisville

Glenn Eager Has Line That Serves Much Needed Transportation Need for Two Cities

Glenn Eager, the rustling young truck and bus line operator of Louisville, has established a bus line that operates between his home town and Omaha via Plattsmouth and serves very nicely the residents of both Plattsmouth and Louisville as the line leaves Louisville at 9 o'clock in the morning and reaches this city a half hour later. On the return to Louisville Mr. Eager will leave this city at 2:15 and which gives the Louisville people ample opportunity to come here to look after any business or to visit with the friends and return home in time for the evening dinner hour.

The bus line will handle Louisville passengers either Plattsmouth or Omaha but Mr. Eager is unable to take passengers from this city to Omaha. The depot for the Louisville bus will be at the Gamber store on South Sixth street.

Mr. Eager has a fine new Chrysler sedan for the use of his business and which assures comfort and pleasure in the trip, over his line to and from Louisville.

A line between this city and Louisville has long been needed as there are still many that lack their own private cars and who can find the new line a real accommodation.

HOLD SPLENDID MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening the members of the W. B. A. were most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Rek McMaken on North Eleventh street, there being a large number of the ladies present to enjoy the occasion. The members had the pleasure of a most interesting session and several new members were initiated into the order.

Following the business session the members enjoyed the remainder of the evening at cards and in the pinocle games Miss Mary Peterson was the winner while in the bridge contests Mrs. Harry Platt and Mrs. Fred Sharpnack were the prize winners.

At an appropriate hour very dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

RETURNING FROM SERVICE

Mrs. Joseph Powell of this city has received word from her son, "Mickey" Powell, that he has been discharged from the marines at Mare Island, California, and was now en route home here to visit the mother. Mickey has been in the marines over a four year period and a large part of that service was spent in China with the force that was guarding the American interests there. He has recently returned to California where he was held pending his discharge from the service and his return home after the four year absence.

SUFFERS FROM STROKE

Henry Snoke, one of the prominent residents of Eagle and former county commissioner from the third district, is quite seriously ill at his home at Eagle, word received here Tuesday stated. Mr. Snoke it is reported had suffered a stroke on Monday and was in very serious condition and under the constant care of a physician and kept very quiet. It is hoped that the attack will pass in a few days and the patient be able in a short time to be around but at the present time his condition is quite serious and has given his family a great deal of apprehension.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

On Saturday afternoon County Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to join in the bonds of wedlock Miss Madaline Jordan of Omaha and Harris H. Santl, of Council Bluffs. The young people motored to this city and after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Santl returned to their home in Council Bluffs. The wedding was witnessed by Rev. C. O. Troy and J. Howard Davis of this city.

FRED ARMSTRONG POORLY

The many friends over the city of Fred Armstrong will regret to learn that this estimable gentleman is confined to his home as the result of a very severe cold and attack of the flu that has kept him confined to his home for the past few days. It is hoped that Mr. Armstrong will soon recover and be able to resume his former activities.

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