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Bishop Kucera Pays a Visit to Local Churches

Head of Lincoln Diocese of Catholic Church Confirms Large Class Here Sunday.

From Monday's Daily—
The members of the two Catholic churches of the city had the pleasure Sunday of the official visit of the Rt. Rev. Louis B. Kucera, bishop of Lincoln and head of the diocese of the church south of the Platte.

The occasion was the administration of the sacrament of confirmation to a very large class of members in both the St. John's and the Holy Rosary churches. The services were held at the 10:30 mass at the St. John's church and at 2:30 at the Holy Rosary church.

The services at the St. John's church opened by the celebration of the high mass by Father Marcelles Agius, pastor of the church and which was heard by a congregation the filled the church to its utmost capacity. Father Agius had been particularly active in the organization of the class and which was to have composed some 150 persons but owing to bad weather conditions a number of members from the outlying districts were unable to be here and the class presented by Father Agius to Bishop Kucera numbered 132.

Bishop Kucera was accompanied to the city by Father Kinney of Lincoln, and the services also attended by two of the priests from the St. Columbian missionary college at Bellevue.

Following the confirmation of the large class Bishop Kucera gave a very fine sermon to the members of the parish and particularly directed to the confirmation class which had accepted the full membership in the church of their choice. The bishop complimented very highly the work of the parochial school in this city maintained by the Ursuline sisters, hood, where many of the members of the class had received their religious instructions and also spoke of the very fine feeling of co-operation between the public schools and the St. John's school in this city. The parochial school students following their high school training in the public school system as the church school only carries the eight grades of study. He also urged the members of the class to be firm in their religious faith and to maintain their faith and serve in their community as American citizens.

The afternoon services at the Holy Rosary church found a class of some forty awaiting the bishop and who were presented for confirmation by Father Jerry Hanck, pastor of the church.

Following the services Bishop Kucera gave an address to the members of the congregation and the church and its teaching and the daily living of the life that the church had set out for its children.

The classes that were received were among the largest in many years in the history of the church in the city and embraced a number of children as well as the children who were received into the church.

While in the city Bishop Kucera and the visiting priests were guests of Father Marcelles Agius and at whose residence the party were entertained at luncheon.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD
From Monday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Finnyrock was sorrow stricken to night as the result of the death last night at the University hospital at Omaha of their little daughter, Audrey. The little one has been suffering from an abscess of the brain she having been taken sick on February 24th and since that time has been at the hospital and under the care of two specialists. The child was thought to be improving last week but a sudden turn for the worse Saturday caused her to fail very rapidly and death came to ease her sufferings last evening. The child was thought to be suffering from a non-contagious form of the meningitis.

The parents and two younger sisters, Uretta and Doris, survive the passing of the little one.

HOLD FINE MEETING
A very interesting and profitable meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held at the M. E. parsonage Wednesday afternoon March 5th.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Elliott, and the 4th chapter of the study book "A Cloud of Witnesses," was led by Mrs. Hayes. In the absence of the president, Miss Emma De Hart, Miss Margaret Mapes led the business session.

MRS. KINNAMON POORLY
Mrs. Louisa Kinnamon, one of the old time residents of the city, is reported as being very poorly at the family home in the south part of the city, having been suffering from what is thought to be a nervous breakdown. In her illness, she is being cared for by her daughters, Mrs. Herman Gartman and Mrs. Herman Fields, of Council Bluffs.

GOES TO ILLINOIS SCHOOL

George E. DeWolf, who since his completion of his school work in this city as superintendent of the city schools, has been at Creston, Iowa, has been called to take charge of the schools at Downer's Grove, Illinois, a large suburb of Chicago. Mr. DeWolf has been very successful in his school work and was one of the outstanding men to fill the position of city superintendent here. In his work at Creston Mr. DeWolf has had charge of the junior college there as well as the public schools and his work has been outstanding and won national recognition. The position at Downer's Grove is one that will mean a decided advancement in salary and opportunities.

Men's Day at M. E. Church Draws Many

Large Number of Men of Community Are Present to Enjoy Fine Sermon Prepared for Day

The Men's day services at the First Methodist church Sunday was one of the very largely attended services of the past few weeks and an exceptionally large number of the men of the community were in attendance to take part in the service and the splendid services that had been arranged by the pastor, Rev. C. O. Troy.

The sermon of the service was a real inspiration and was on the subject of "A Measure of a Man." The pastor stressed the importance of the man in the church, the benefit that the church gave to the life of each individual in its inspiration and in the church the call for the men to participate in the fullest functions of the church life.

The musical settings of the morning service were supplied by a male chorus of some thirty voices from the Young Men's Bible class, giving a number of the best loved church hymns. John Frady during the service gave a solo number, "I Extoll Thee," a very beautiful number and one that added much to the impressiveness of the service.

The service gave the opportunity to a great many of the men to hear the very able pulpit offering of the eloquent and able minister of the church, Rev. Troy, and which gave splendid inspiration to all those in the audience.

CAMP FIRE NOTES

Wednesday, February 18, the Aweont Camp Fire held a large council fire at the home of Mary Katherine Wiles. The Te He Ha Camp Fire Girls met with us to see how to carry on a council fire.

Friday, February 17, we went to the basketball game in a group and helped cheer our team which won.

The next week, Wednesday February 25, we met at the guardian's home. A short council fire was held to give honors to those meriting them.

Wednesday, March 4, the group met at the home of Harriet Goss, where we practiced songs for a large council fire held later.

RACHEL ROBERTSON, Scribe.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning George O. Laffin, 72, died at the Nebraska Masonic Home where he has made his home for the past two years and a half. Mr. Laffin was born in Houston county, Minnesota, April 2, 1859, and has made his home in Nebraska for a number of years, residing at Wymore, where he was a member of Wymore lodge No. 44, A. F. & A. M. He came to the Masonic Home here on August 20, 1928, and has since resided here.

The funeral services of Mr. Laffin will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets, conducted by Plattsmouth lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M. The interment will be at the Masonic plat in Oak Hill cemetery.

FUNERAL OF CHILD

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. John Eddleman, who passed away on Friday, was laid to rest on Saturday afternoon, the services being held at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets. The services were conducted by Rev. Troy, who gave words of comfort to the bereaved parents and relatives and friends. During the services Mrs. E. H. Sweet gave a vocal solo, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

P. F. F. CLUB MEETS

The P. F. F. pinocle club were most pleasantly entertained on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. P. Johnson and with a fine attendance of the members to spend the evening in the delights of the fascinations of this card game. In the playing prizes were awarded to Mrs. Henry Hitzman, Mrs. J. P. Johnson and Mrs. C. Cotner. Dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess at an appropriate hour.

Former Residents Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carper Observe Event at Home in Lincoln—Pioneer in Cass County

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carper celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, March 1, with a dinner and reception at their home, 1912 Euclid avenue, Lincoln.

Among the forty guests present were six of the seven Carper children, including Mrs. Ed Murphy and John Carper, of Weeping Water; Will Carper, of Omaha; Mrs. Dora Jurgensen, of Denver; Mrs. Margaret Jurgensen and Mrs. Robert Scanlon, of Lincoln. James Carper, Pasadena, Cal., another son, was unable to attend the reunion. Eighteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carper were married in Weeping Water in 1881. Mr. Carper having come to Nebraska from Cass county, Illinois, in 1863, and Mrs. Carper in 1876. Mrs. Carper was born in Petersborough, Ont. After a period of farming, the Carpers moved from their home at Weeping Water to Lincoln in 1914.

Rev. Carey Gives Address
The following address was given on the occasion of the golden wedding by the Rev. John J. Carey, pastor of the Blessed Sacrament church, of which the couple are attendants: "This is a happy day, for this aged couple have lived to see a full half century crown their marriage vows. And to look from these autumnal days back to their springtime must indeed be wondrous joy. Behold the long stretch, lined on both sides with such manifold events! Tinged with memories that they look far different than when met with on the pathway of life. Changed now are those cares and anxieties, those hopes and ambitions. Truly these are golden moments, retracing in spirit the steps of long ago.

"Venerable couple that is your joy in having reached the fiftieth milestone of wedded life. And it is most fitting for you to come before the altar of your God. In thanksgiving the Holy Sacrifice is offered up; in thanksgiving this throng joins with you. How beautiful it is to have these prayers ascending to the dear Lord must be pleased to see us all thinking first of Him on this your golden day.

"Such appreciation of God's loving care awakens the best that is in us—a joy in our hearts like perfume from scented flowers, a flash in our souls like unto, as it were, a glimpse of the Divine. All nature proclaims the glory of God and next to the angels, man should render the greatest praise. His end and aim is, glory to Him who created us, glory to Him who redeemed us, glory to Him who sanctifies us, glory to Him who awaits us in that dwelling of infinite bliss.

"Man's aspiration for union with the Divine is brought well to the fore by today's celebration. The experience of this good old couple is that two wills must become one, two dispositions harmonized, two tastes blended—in a word, the true family product of one heart, one mind, and one soul must evolve out of mutual sacrifices. Neither being a tyrant, but both being servants, is the happy state. And the effort to reach this ideal grows old age with a halo. So out of the fullness of the heart, we congratulate the jubilarians. We wish them continued good health. And would that their peace of mind radiated from every home to dispel the mists by its brightness."

Work of Opening Up Roads Pushed by County Forces

One Way Track Made Through Drifts on Louisville Road Permits Traffic Over Road

The large snow drifts that have made east and west roads in the northern part of Cass county very difficult and in many cases impossible of travel, are being gradually overcome as the county road workers are out striving to get the roads back in normal condition.

The Louisville road has been one of the worst as it is a very popular and heavily traveled highway and the snow of Thursday and Friday drove huge banks and drafts into the roadway and completely blocked it in a great many places, causing a number residing along the road to try long detours through fields to try and reach this city. The road workers have been able to break narrow highways No. 75, which is for the passage of one car or truck, but the huge drifts will not permit the use of the tractors in removing the snow as a consequence the inconvenience to the traveling public has been greatly felt.

The road from Mynard west has also suffered from the drifts as has the Murray road and work on these highways are also being carried on in the hope of clearing them of the snow.

The sunshine has been one of the greatest aids to the road workers and has served to melt down a part of the snow where not too heavily packed and a few days of the sunshine will help a lot in dislodging the snow. The melting snow will, however, make the country dirt roads far from pleasant for travel.

The snow on No. 75, which has been blocked with a great deal of snow has been opened up and the flow of travel to the north and south from Kansas City to Omaha has been resumed after several days when the road was closed up.

MISS METZGER ILL

The many friends of Miss Patty Metzger over Cass county, will regret very much to learn of her serious illness at Omaha where she has been for some time. Miss Metzger was not feeling well and it was decided to have her taken to the hospital and since that time she has been there under treatment. Up to the time of her present illness Miss Metzger had been feeling in the best of health and her sudden illness came as a great shock to the relatives and friends.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—
Mrs. M. E. Brantner was called to Omaha yesterday afternoon by a message announcing the serious illness of her little grandson, Dick Chase, ten years old, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chase. The little lad was found to be suffering from a mastoid and on being taken to the Immanuel hospital it was deemed best by the attending surgeons to have him operated on at once as the case was one of the greatest severity.

HAS LONG CHURCH CAREER

Rev. Jerry Hanck, pastor of the Holy Rosary church, who is to leave in the early spring for a trip to Europe, has spent some thirty years in the priesthood of the Catholic church. He studied his theology in the St. Paul seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota, where the present bishop, Louis Kucera, a student. His years of active priesthood has been spent in Nebraska, he having had charge of a number of churches in different parts of the state and his first charge in a parish largely composed of persons of Bohemian nationality was when he first came to Plattsmouth some twenty-four years ago.

County Spelling Contest Held Here Saturday

Lois Troop, of Nehawka, and Margaret Young of Avoca Share Honors of Contest.

The Cass county spelling contest was held at the court house on Saturday morning and afternoon and despite the fact that the weather conditions were most unfavorable, some sixty-nine of the students from different parts of the county were in attendance and much interest was shown in the event.

In the written and oral contests, Lois Troop, 12, of Nehawka, district No. 103, of which Miss Ruth Palmer is the teacher, and Margaret Young, 13, of Avoca, district No. 20, of which Miss Helen Madesen is teacher, divided the honors of the contest. Lois Troop taking first in oral spelling and second in written and Margaret Young taking first in written and second in oral. The contestants received a gold and silver medal apiece for their skill. Both are in the eighth grade.

The contest was conducted by R. W. Eaton, of Omaha, with Miss Marie Kaufman as the register of the contest. The judges were R. Foster Peterson, principal of the school at Avoca; Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., and Mrs. Robert A. Walling, of this city.

The only Plattsmouth entries were Robert Taylor, 10, and Alice Hinz, 11, both of the sixth grade of the city schools, of which Miss Grace Nolting is the teacher.

Platters Take Consolations at Peru Tourney

Defeat Peru Prep 18 to 8 in the Finals—Auburn to Represent Regional Teams at State

The Plattsmouth high school basketball team, eliminated by the fast Syracuse team in the opening round of the regional tournament at Peru, were the victors in the consolation honors by giving the southeast champs, Peru Prep, a trimming 18 to 8 for the final honors and received for their showing plique.

The locals in their first game suffered from inability to make the free shot, giving them, missing eight of the eleven gitt shots and which allowed Syracuse to secure the honors by the score of 21 to 19.

The Platters in the consolations looked their class and played a game the equal of any team at the meet not accepting the champions, Auburn, who were winners over Falls City by the score of 20 to 19 in a battle that only the gun saved for the Bulldogs, as the boys from the city of the falls were making strides to victory.

Henry Donat, local center, was the big shot in scoring as he amassed eleven points against Syracuse in opening game and also in the Humboldt game garnered eight points in the first half and then rested on his honors, he also secured two points against the Peru Prep team.

The consolations opened up with the Platters drawing a bye as the Sterling team failed to appear and with one round safely pocketed the locals had a chance to rest and enjoy the other games that were staged. Owing to the storm of Thursday many of the competing teams were unable to reach Peru until by train on Saturday and all of the semi-finals and finals were played on Saturday evening, the locals in their opener taking on Humbolt who were defeated by the score 31 to 6, while Peru Prep defeated Papillion by the score of 30 to 19. The Plattsmouth Prep game was staged late Saturday and the Platters from the start had the edge on the Peru team, emerging the victors by the score of 18 to 8.

The local team had a real experience in reaching home last evening, having to battle the snowbound roads from Peru out to the main highway, it being necessary at times to dig the way through drifts in order to get through, the locals being the first team to attempt the journey out by car.

JOE SCHMARDER BURNED

From Wednesday's Daily—
Joseph Schmarder, long time resident of Cass county and who a few months ago moved from this city to Louisville, was badly burned this morning in a fire that did much damage to the garage of his son, Edward Schmarder.

The elder Mr. Schmarder was making a fire and threw some gasoline or oil in the stove in the garage and the stove backfired, the blaze shooting out and catching the coat of Mr. Schmarder afire and scorching the hair and burning the face of the unfortunate man.

The fire spread over the building and two of the cars were soon ablaze, the roofs of the cars being badly burned.

The injuries of Mr. Schmarder so severe that it was necessary to have him taken to the hospital at Omaha for treatment.

ROTARY HEARS OF BRITISH ISLES

From Tuesday's Daily—
This afternoon at the luncheon of the Rotary club the members were given a very pleasing picture of the British isles, particularly England and Ireland, given by D. O. Oller of Omaha. The speaker has had the pleasure of a trip back to the old world recently and from his journey through the beauties of the British isles he was able to give a wonderful account. Mr. Oller also touched on the conditions that are prevailing in Europe at this time and which was listened to by the greatest of interest.

To give the nationalistic setting to the travelogue, Frank A. Cloidt, well known vocalist gave two very delightful vocal offerings, "London-berry Air" by Wilson, and "Mother Macree" by Ball.

The meeting was under the leadership of Dr. P. T. Heinemann.

RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

Principal R. F. Patterson has been notified that seven members of the 1930 football squad have been elected to membership in the National Athletic Scholarship Society of Secondary schools. This organization is composed of boys whose scholastic average is above that of the entire school and who have won a letter in a major sport. They must exemplify also high standards of sportsmanship and citizenship. Those honored are: Jack Troop, Francis Yelick, Henry Donat, Clarence Forbes, Mott Frady, Sam Arn and Francis Warren. The local chapter was founded in 1928.

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Milk Bottle Proves Weapon in Quarrel

Carl Ofe Suffers Scalp Wound as He Tries to Get Parties to Leave His Home.

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning the court of Judge Charles L. Graves was the scene of a hearing on a complaint that has been filed by Officers Libershal and Pickrel against George Thacker of Omaha and Paul Vandervoort, charging them with disturbing the peace and hitting Carl Ofe, well known service station man, over the head with a milk bottle.

The two men against whom complaint was filed had been attending a dance last evening and the trouble seems to have originated there as one of the ladies that they were escorting decided to return home with another escort and this apparently occasioned some bad feeling. At the close of the dance it is claimed that Mr. Ofe had invited several couples of young married people and the lady and her escort to the dance home for an after dance lunch, and from this incident came the battle.

It is claimed that Mr. Thacker and Mr. Vandervoort came later to the Ofe home and requested to see the lady that they had earlier in the evening taken to the dance and Mr. Ofe had requested them to leave and not interfere with the guests. This led to some argument and as Mr. Ofe was standing in the door of his apartment, it is charged one of the young men reached down and securing a bottle filled with milk which was setting near the door proceeded to smite Mr. Ofe a mighty smote over the head with the bottle. The blow caused a small wound which bled profusely and later the men were arrested by the police and ordered to appear this morning in the court.

W. B. A. MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—
The members of the W. B. A. lodge were very pleasantly entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. Thomas Walling on South Ninth street and with a very large number of the members in attendance at the event. The business session occupied the earlier part of the evening and was followed by the social hour. The diversions of the evening were cards and in bridge and pinocle the members of the party passed the time most pleasantly. In the bridge games Mrs. J. H. McMaken was given the prize while in the pinocle Miss Mary Peterson was awarded the prize. The ladies had as a guest of the evening, Mrs. Mae N. Creamer of San Jose, California, who is here spending the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury.

CAR OVERTURNS

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last night while returning from Omaha, following a theatre party, the auto driven by John Bauer, Jr., was overturned on highway No. 75 between Omaha and Port Crook. The car was badly damaged but the party was able to continue a part of their way but with the lights gone their progress was slow and the car again slid into a ditch. The accident was caused by the loose wet gravel that skidded the car into the ditch. Fortunately none of the party were severely hurt, slight cuts on the hands and one of the party suffering a cut on the knee covered the injuries. The car, however, was badly damaged.

ENJOYING THE SOUTH

Councilman Robert H. Patton of the fifth ward, writes from his pecan ranch in Mitchell county, Georgia, where he has been for several days past, that the spring season is now on in that section of the southland. Mr. Patton states that the peach trees are all blooming and presents a wonderful picture of beauty and the farmers are busy with their regular work of preparing the crops. His pecan orchard is looking fine and he expects a fine yield this year from the trees.

WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETS

The Woodmen Circle met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. August Kopp on South Ninth street and with a very large number of the ladies in attendance. The business session was one of the greatest interest and which was followed by the social hour. At the close of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served and which added to the pleasures of the occasion.

HONORS MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Thomas, entertained at their home at 1147 Park avenue, Omaha, Nebr., Sunday the occasion being in honor of Mr. Thomas' mother, Mrs. Julia F. Thomas, a very delightful dinner being served.

The guests were G. B. Thomas, deputy secretary of the state, her son; Mr. and Mrs. Monte C. Franks, Mrs. Franks being a daughter of Mr. Thomas; the granddaughter, Miss Anna Lorene Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kahler and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Franks.

Mrs. Thomas was a former resident of this city where her family was reared but who has been making her home in Omaha for the past number of years.

W. T. Distell Chosen Exalted Ruler of Elks

Chosen to Head Plattsmouth Lodge No. 739 at Meeting Held Tuesday Evening

From Wednesday's Daily—
The members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 739, B. P. O. E., held their regular meeting last evening at the Hotel Riley where the large dining room was used as the lodge hall, owing to the fact that the lodge has not been operating their regular club rooms for the past few weeks.

The annual election of the officers of the lodge was the chief business of the evening and the following were selected to fill the elective offices of the organization for the ensuing year:

Exalted Ruler—William T. Distill.

Leading Knight—R. W. Knorr.

Loyal Knight—A. W. Cloidt.

Lecturing Knight—Carl Ofe.

Secretary—James W. Holmes.

Treasurer—Charles K. Bestor.

Tyler—C. A. Rosencrans.

Trustee—R. W. Clement.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm shown over the prospects for the ensuing year and the members expect to enjoy very much the summer season at the country club which is operated by the Elks in conjunction with the golf club of the city.

In order to get new members interested (who have not been members before) a charge of only \$10 will be made. This will give them and family all privileges at the Country Club, providing 50 new members sign up by April 1st.

L. L. McCarty will be the custodian at the Country Club. He will handle refreshments and serve dinners and lunches. He will move as soon as the yard is dry.

Next regular meeting will be held April 7th at the Country Club, at which time all the newly elected officers will be installed.

The new exalted ruler has been quite active in the work of the local Elks since joining the order here and has been at the head of their entertainment committee for the past year. Mr. Distill is the superintendent of the BREX shops in this city and has been very active in the community life since coming here from the south some years ago. His election will assure the Elks of an active and aggressive leadership in their lodge and a real booster to look after the work of the order in this community.

CARD OF THANKS

To the kind neighbors and dear friends who helped us during the illness and burial of our loved little girl, Audrey.

To the Sattler funeral home, the Rev. Troy, the M. W. A. choir and the Plattsmouth Journal for their services.

To the BREX employes, the P-T-A, the Junior Aid Ladies of the M. W. A., the teachers and pupils of Wintersteen school, the Cass County League, and to the many good and kind neighbors and friends who gave the wonderful flowers.

To you all we take this method of extending our heartfelt thanks.—Mr. and Mrs. Finnefrock and Family.

LOCATES AT NEBRASKA CITY

Harry Dwyer, son of Attorney D. O. Dwyer of this city, a graduate of the University of Nebraska college of law is locating in Nebraska City where he expects to enter in the practice of his profession. Mr. Dwyer is a very talented young man and his splendid legal education fits him to make a real place among the members of the Otoe county bar. Owing to his health Mr. Dwyer has been taking a rest from his legal work and will now resume his professional practice. The many friends here will be pleased to learn of his decision to locate at the Otoe county city and to continue on with his law work.

HAS ANOTHER OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—
Wallace Terryberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Terryberry of this city, was operated on yesterday at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, the operation being performed to assist in the clearing up of his condition caused from his former operations for mastoid. In this operation it is hoped to cause the affected part to heal more rapidly and also to eliminate scars that might have been caused by the former operation. It is hoped that the lad can return home in a few days and be permanently relieved.