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Agee Addresses C. of C. Directors on Unemploy'm't

General Manager Lincoln Telephone Co. and President Lincoln C. of C. Gives Pertinent Facts

From Thursday's Daily—The Chamber of Commerce at its bi-weekly meeting today had the pleasure of hearing a splendid and timely address by Mr. John Agee, general manager of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company and president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Agee discussed some important phases of the current unemployment situation and suggested valuable remedial possibilities. After outlining the underlying causes of business depression and unemployment, he pointed out that several large corporations have begun a policy of creating funds to be paid out to workers during periods of unemployment, as well as providing definite retirement plans on pension over certain age limits, while others are working out plans for unemployment insurance.

As further relief he suggested that the government building program be carried on during slack seasons of the year and stopped or greatly curtailed when other industries are operating at peak production.

As a guarantee against depression periods following market crashes, he suggested regulation of stock prices, either by the board of trade or the government itself thru levy of a tax on all sales where the price is out of proportion to actual earnings in an effort to prevent the unusual inflation which was the basis of the great market crash in 1929 and the subsequent period of depression.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce directorate listened attentively to Mr. Agee's splendid address on this timely subject and he was complimented at the close for the thoughts he had brought to his audience.

Other visitors at today's meeting were President W. H. Joern and Secretary W. E. Diers, of the new Louisville Chamber of Commerce, and C. W. ("Red") Motter, publicity director of the Telephone company. Mr. Joern responded briefly to an invitation from President Schneider for a few remarks.

A report was made by E. A. Wurl relative to the work done at Nebraska City last week on the occupation tax. He stated that the city attorneys of southeastern Nebraska cities have formed an organization and will meet here in the near future in response to an invitation that had been extended them by Mayor Sattler.

President Schneider announced that he hoped to have some definite information in regard to the possibility of locating a gas booster station here by the end of the week.

RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, very prominent member of Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, has been appointed chairman of Cass county contest to be held in connection with the Fifth National Atwater Kent Radio Audition.

Mrs. Wescott served last year as judge of the State Audition held at Radio Station WOW, of Omaha, Nebraska. She is very interested in music, and her ambition lies in at all times boosting better music.

News has reached us that she will soon announce her committee and the date of the local audition.

All vocalists in Cass county interested in this contest are asked to write or call Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for further particulars regarding the contest, or write to the Nebraska Director, Miss Marie Kieny, in care of Radio Station WOW, Omaha, Nebraska.

The contest this year offers cash prizes of \$25,000 besides tuition in leading American conservatories to all amateur singers between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years, inclusive.

FUNERAL AT OMAHA TODAY

From Thursday's Daily—Walter Kling, of Omaha, who has been at the U. S. Veterans hospital at Chicago for some time, passed away there the first of the week and the funeral services were held this afternoon at Omaha. Mr. Kling was the husband of the former Miss Hazel Floger of this city, the family having resided at Omaha since their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Muckenaupt, Mr. and Mrs. James Bull and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindeman were at Omaha today to attend the services.

ARE VISITING HERE

From Friday's Daily—W. L. Hunnicutt and wife, A. H. Tomlinson and wife and Mrs. Lydia M. Davis, all of Indianola, Iowa, drove over today and are visiting at the M. S. Briggs home, they being sisters of Mrs. Briggs.

Mrs. Davis will work at the Masonic Home.

HAVE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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The Plattsmouth organization was very much pleased to have with them the distinguished visitors and whose community interests are so closely interwoven with that of this and other parts of eastern Nebraska.

South Side Residenters in Garden Contest

Response of Residents of Fifth Ward Shows Strong Desire for Beautifying That Section

The Better Yards and Garden contest which is being sponsored by the civic bodies of the city is meeting a very fine response from the residents of the community and the first returns of the soliciting committee is from the fifth ward where J. A. Itz is the chairman.

The other chairmen of the city have not as yet turned in their lists of contestants and the fifth ward now has the distinction of being the first in the field of those who are striving for the city beautiful in the coming spring and summer.

Those who are enrolled in the contest in the south ward of the city are George W. Downs, C. E. Kimball, John Wynn, Carroll Craig, Mrs. Chester Wall, Anton Hula, Elsie Brittain, C. M. Coe, Mrs. Ben Willes, Harry White, Paul Ambrose, Max Bowman, Chester Weiskinner, R. H. Patton, J. A. Pitz, Mrs. C. L. Pittman, Mrs. M. Craig.

If the other sections of the city respond as strong as the fifth ward has done there is no doubt that the contest this year will go over in great shape and the lawns, yards and gardens of the city will be truly wonderful to behold.

IS TENDERED SHOWER

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Lena Dykes entertained at a very pleasant miscellaneous shower in honor of her daughter, Edna, whose marriage to Mr. Ellsworth Taylor occurred two weeks ago.

The home was arranged in the color scheme of green and white, the St. Patrick decorations being used in the setting of the happy event.

The jolly group of young people spent the time in the enjoyment of games of all kinds and at an appropriate hour the bride was presented with the handsome array of gifts that will serve as reminders of the many friends in the future years. Before the departure of the guests, each was asked to write their favorite recipe and which was presented to the bride.

At an appropriate hour a very dainty luncheon was served by the hostess who was assisted by Mrs. Lydia Walton, Mrs. Allen Vernon of Murray and Mrs. Alice Hafke.

The departing hour coming, the thirty-five guests joined in their well wishes to Mrs. Taylor for many years of happiness and success.

PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lester Meisinger of near this city is at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where she was operated on Tuesday for gall stones from which she has been a sufferer for some time. The patient has come through the operation very nicely and the many friends will be pleased to learn that she is doing as nicely as possible under the circumstances of the case.

Miss Marie Nolting is another of the Plattsmouth patients at the Immanuel hospital and where she is recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Miss Nolting was taken to Omaha on Tuesday for an examination and it was decided that an operation would be necessary at once and she was operated on Tuesday afternoon. She is doing very nicely now and it is hoped will soon be on the highway to complete recovery.

FINDS SACKS OF CHICKENS

From Friday's Daily—This morning at an early hour several sacks loaded with chickens were found along the highway in the vicinity of the Parr Young farm near Nebawka. The discovery of the chickens was communicated to the office of Sheriff Bert Reed and an investigation made to try and locate where the chickens had come from, but without success. The residents of that part of the county had reported no chickens stolen and where they were taken from is still a mystery. The fowls were without doubt stolen and it is probable dropped from a truck or car of the party taking them. Mr. Young, near whose farm the chickens were found, also had a visit from chicken thieves several weeks ago but on that occasion a prompt pursuit of the thieves made them abandon their stolen fowls.

Cass County Red Cross Has High Standing

Responses to the Call of the Distressed Finds Very Hearty Response in County

Cass County Chapter, American Red Cross, makes public the following report of contributions received and disbursed by them to the Drouth Area in the recent relief program undertaken by the National Organization.

Cash quota asked, \$400.00.
Cash received as follows:
Alvo.....\$ 58.91
Avoca..... 38.00
Cedar Creek..... 22.00
Eagle..... 25.00
Elmwood..... 120.60
Greenwood..... 15.00
Louisville..... 50.00
Manley..... 50.00
Murdock..... 86.14
Murray..... 40.00
Mynard..... 35.00
Nebawka..... 28.00
Plattsmouth..... 125.00
Union..... 51.00
Wabash..... 10.00
Weeping Water..... 50.00
Total.....\$804.65

Membership received with contributions for relief brings our membership up to 627 members.

Under the supervision of D. D. Wainwright, County Agent, acting as chairman of Chapter Relief Committee, a car of foodstuffs was shipped to Crosbyton, Texas. The contributions for this car came from nearly every locality of the county and is as follows:

Potatoes, 60 sacks; oats, 30 sacks; flour, 285 sacks; beans, 6 sacks; wheat, 15 sacks; lard, 50 lbs.; eggs, 8 cases; canned fruit and vegetables, 45 cases; canned milk, 6 cases; feed, 60 sacks; onions, 4 sacks; corn meal, 225 bushel; shelled corn, 150 bushel.

Contributions of cash sent direct to Washington, D. C. has been credited to our Chapter. Contributions made to other agencies in their appeal for contributions to drouth relief cannot be credited to quotas assigned chapters, since they have not been received by the chapter and the chapter cannot account for their expenditure.

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Rev. A. E. Floetz, who accompanied Mr. Gorder to the hospital as well as Dr. Peters, brother of Mrs. Gorder, are having examinations made by the clinic. Mrs. Gorder is with the husband at Rochester and will probably remain there some time.

HOME MAKERS MEET

From Friday's Daily—The Home Makers club, one of the extension work clubs of the city, met last evening at the L. R. Sprecher home on high school hill and with a very pleasing number of the members in attendance, there being some thirty of the ladies present.

The work of the club program was demonstrated by Mrs. Sprecher, president, Mrs. Walter Reed and Mrs. Richard Beverage, project leaders.

A short playlet was given of Royal Home Management, those taking part being Mrs. Joe Stibal, Mrs. Fred Sharpnack, Mrs. Herman Tiekotter, Mrs. Fay McClintock and Miss Marie Meisinger.

The balance of the evening was spent in games of all kinds under the direction of Mrs. Otto Keck.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. P. Johnson and Mrs. Emmons Ptk.

RECEIVES \$10 FINE

From Thursday's Daily—This morning the hearing on the complaint against Bangard Reichstadt, charging him with assault and battery on Mrs. Nellie Gartleman, and also on the request of Mrs. Gartleman that he be placed under a peace bond, was had in the county court.

The testimony of the complainant, Lester Kinnaman and Mrs. Herman Fields was taken for the state, while Mr. Reichstadt was his witness on the assault charge.

After hearing the evidence submitted, the court reserved the decision until this afternoon when a decision was rendered in which Mr. Reichstadt was fined \$10 and costs for the assault and was released on a complaint for a bond to keep the peace.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily—Miss Ruth Janda, who was operated on at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha Wednesday morning is reported as doing as well as possible under the circumstances as the operation proved to be quite severe. The patient came through the operation very nicely and while still suffering from the effects of the ordeal last evening was rallying in a pleasing manner, the attending surgeons stated. The many friends will be pleased to learn that Miss Ruth is doing so nicely and trust that she may continue to improve.

J. W. Brinton Discusses Co-Operated Markets

Thorough Discussion of Present Day Problems in Relation to Handling Farm Produce

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INSTALLS NEW EQUIPMENT

The pool and billiard parlor of Charles Ault and Louis Lohms is having installed a new up to date fountain and ice box which will be a great addition to the equipment of their place of business. The fountain is equipped with electric refrigeration and will be one that will be found a great convenience to the owners of the place.

Every shade of crepe paper and all the complete Dennison line found the newest novelties and favors in only at the Bates Book Store.

City Schools Conduct Work with Underweights

School Lunches Provided for Children Shows Good Results—Report of Superintendent.

Some time ago the P. E. O. society of this city donated a sum to be used in providing lunches for children of the public schools who were underweight to check the benefits of this system on the child that might be perhaps undernourished.

The following letter from Superintendent R. E. Bailey to the ladies of the P. E. O. shows the fine results that this work has brought and the benefits to the children of the community:

Members P. E. O., Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Ladies:

Some time ago your organization appropriated thirty dollars (\$30.) to be used by the public schools in providing a milk lunch for underweight pupils. The detailed arrangements under which this lunch was to be given were left to the superintendent to work out.

After investigating the various practices followed in the Omaha schools, we decided to administer the lunch as follows:

1. Forty-two pupils from Central building and Junior High school were selected.
2. Only pupils seven or more pounds under weight were included in the group.
3. Selections were made without reference particularly to the homes from which they came, although we tried to make the group as representative as possible. Our best as well as most needy homes were represented.
4. Pupils were selected from kindergarten to eighth grade inclusive. We wanted to see if the age of the pupil would affect the results.
5. One-half of the pupils were given lunch twice each day, the remainder once each day.
6. Each child received a half pint of milk with a graham cracker at each lunch period.
7. The experiment was continued four weeks, beginning February 13 and closing March 6.
8. All children were weighed once a week.
9. The total cost for the month was approximately \$43.

The Board of Education provided the additional funds.

The results of the experiment on the whole were very satisfactory. Some of the more tangible results were:

1. All pupils gained in weight during the month. The least gain made by any pupil was one-half pound; the greatest gain made was four and one-half pounds. The average gain for the group was approximately two pounds.
2. Normally all children would have gained some at least without taking the lunch. But not all children are normal. Our classroom charts show that many times pupils weigh less at the close than at the beginning of a school month.
3. All children participating apparently enjoyed the lunch. Not one of the forty-two children dropped out during the month.
4. Several children in the group had always refused milk at home. One pupil from Junior High school told her mother that the milk at school tasted better than the milk at home, and yet this same pupil comes from one of our best farm homes.
5. Nineteen of the forty pupils are continuing the lunch which is being paid for by the parents. Most of the pupils dropping out come from homes unable to pay for the lunch. Several mothers signed a willingness for pupils to continue but stated that they could not afford to pay for it.
6. Teachers reported that many of the pupils participating did better school work during the month.

At the close of the month's experiment a notice was sent to the parents of all children, three or more pounds under weight, attending Central building and Junior High school, announcing that the lunch would be continued if enough parents were interested and cared to pay twenty cents per week for the service. This charge covers cost of milk, graham crackers, paper napkins and straws. The response from parents was very gratifying and at the present time sixty-two pupils attending Central building and Junior High school are taking this lunch once each day. We have not yet attempted to interest parents of children attending other buildings in the city. This will be done next year if the lunch is continued.

The need at the present time is for a fund to provide lunch for underweight children coming from our underprivileged homes. There are several groups in our community who no doubt may be able to help when they realize that the need actually exists.

I want to thank the members of your organization for the personal

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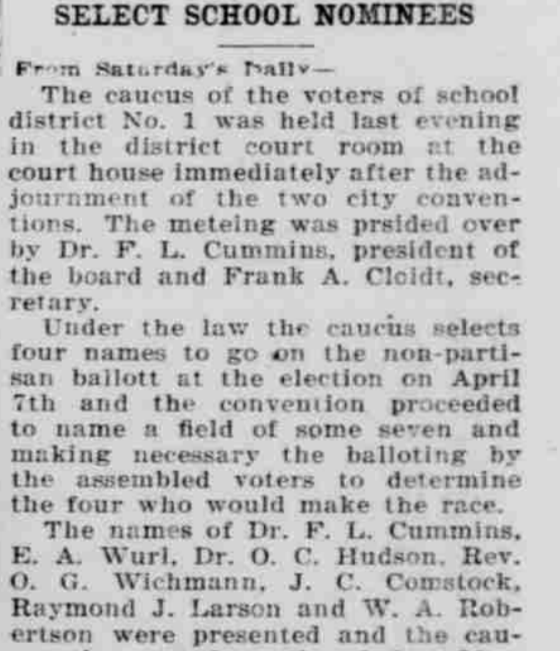
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