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Transient Service of the FERA Fully Explained

Chamber of Commerce Has Fine Address on This Line of Activity from Army Officers.

From Friday's Daily
A most interesting meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday with a very fine attendance and a number of guests present. There were three visitors from the rural community, Mr. Louis Frederick, Mr. Guy Kiser, and Mr. Ed Spangler. The members of the Chamber of Commerce are having a very fine and pleasant contact with these visitors from our rural communities. Mr. E. H. Barnhart of the Norfolk Packing company and Mr. Milford Bates, who is here visiting his uncle, Mr. R. A. Bates, were also present as guests.

The usual committee reports were heard from the various committees showing a very active and energetic work being done by these committees who are kept on the job by President P. I. Rea. A number of projects of interest to the community are in process now; some of which are the further development of the river project, the continuation of the federal relief program, the beginning of a roadway to the rifle range, the co-operation with the retail section on the trade survey, the flower show, and the production of a pamphlet descriptive of Plattsmouth for the use of visitors. These are samples of the work which is being done at the present time.

The Chamber of Commerce was very glad to have as its guests Mr. McPherson of the FERA transient service and his assistant Mr. Van Meter from the Omaha office of this organization and Captain Halverson, quartermaster from the army post at Fort Crook. Mr. McPherson gave a very thorough and interesting description of a project about which we have heard but little. That is the care of transients. The speaker explained the purpose which the government has in mind in this project not only to furnish the necessities of food and shelter but to endeavor to bring these men back into a normal relation to society. Due to this, it is necessary to sift them back into their legal residences and channels of employment as rapidly as possible. He stated that the transients usually divided themselves into two groups: first a young group of boys, ranging from 20 years of age to 30, and a much larger number between the years of 40 and 60.

Mr. McPherson announced that through the co-operation of the army, a permanent camp for these younger boys totalling about 80 at the present time, would be established at the rifle range. He emphasized the fact that they would in no way interfere with nor replace local labor but that they would be used on projects which could not possibly be done by local labor. These are, for example, the extension of the conservation shelter on the reservation and building of a road to the rifle range. He particularly called attention to the fact that these men would be under strict army discipline and that they would in no way become a source of trouble to the community. The directors were also very much interested to discover that as far as possible supplies for this camp will be bought here.

Captain Halverson was called upon to speak particularly with reference to the road which is proposed from the highway to the rifle range. He emphasized the need for an all-weather road, in as much as the army post is very much handicapped in having to seek entrance to the rifle range over a dirt road. He called attention to the benefits which would accrue to this community in having a project of this kind done with the aid of the help from the men who will be stationed on the range.

Mr. Van Meter, who is in direct charge of the discipline of the men in Omaha explained some of the reasons they had found why these men became wanderers. He said the spirit of adventure attracted a few and a desire to relieve the food situation at home a few others. In other instances, the boys became wanderers as a result of broken homes or real or imaginary trouble in connection

with their school life.
Mr. Van Meter stated that in addition to providing these men with food and shelter and endeavoring to return them back to a normal life in society, that the government made ample provision for their educational needs through co-operation with local educational facilities and the use of the study relief centers. As for their spiritual side, he said that religious services for all faiths were provided. So that this whole program becomes one with a very broad scope designed to rehabilitate these men in every phase so as to make desirable citizens of them.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce expressed great interest in this program and assured the visitors of their co-operation in whatever might be necessary. The first contingent of the group to be located here will arrive on Monday.

Will Hold Inquest in Kaffenberger Death

Matter to Be Investigated to Determine Whether Death Due to an Accident or Not.

Following the finding of the body of August Kaffenberger, shot to death in the barn at his farm home west of this city, an inquest has been decided on by County Attorney W. G. Kleck in order that the manner of death may be fully determined and made a matter of record.

The medical examination of the unfortunate man has shown that the death wound was inflicted in the side, the bullet traveling through the body and puncturing the lungs to cause death. The first hurried examination at the home had led to the belief that the wound had been inflicted in the mouth by a .22 rifle.

The members of the family are firm in their opinion that death was due to the accidental discharge of the rifle while Mr. Kaffenberger was preparing to shoot a rat that he had discovered in the barn. He had stated to the wife that he wished to shoot a rat in the barn.

There is no apparent reason for Mr. Kaffenberger to have ended his own life, the relatives and close friends state and in fact he had planned to leave Thursday afternoon for Lincoln to attend a lodge meeting and he had been in his usual spirits during the previous evening and that morning.

The jury selected to inquire into the death will be composed of Louis Reinacke, John Ledgway, James Bullin, John Bajack, George L. Farley and Oscar Wilson.

CIRCLES HAVE MEETING

Wednesday Circle No. 2 of the Presbyterian Federation, held a most pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Robertson with Mrs. Paul Ambrose as the associate hostess. The Circle took up the matter of the election of permanent officers and the following were named: Mrs. Charles Tunnell, chairman; Mrs. Frank A. Cloidt, secretary; Mrs. W. A. Robertson, missionary chairman. The hostesses served delicious refreshments.

The members of Circle No. 5 of the Presbyterian Federation met yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Palack with Mrs. G. L. Farley as the associate hostess. The officers elected were: Mrs. Howard Fullerton, chairman; Mrs. James Bullin, secretary; Miss Minnie Nickum, missionary chairman. Refreshments were served at the close.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

From Thursday's Daily
Last evening at the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the wedding of two of the well known young people of this community, Miss Opal X. Sheldon and Mr. Robert Brittain. The marriage lines were read by Judge Duxbury and the ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood.

The young people have spent their lifetime here where they were born and reared, the bride being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheldon and the groom a son of J. C. Brittain and Mrs. Nettie Brittain.

Platters and Oteans Tie in Track Meet

Each School Scores 61 Points—Local Feature in Field and Visitors in the Track Events.

The Plattsmouth-Nebraska City track meet at the Athletic park Thursday afternoon resulted in a tie of 61 points alike for the two schools. In the heats and races the visitors had the edge on the first honors, but in the field events Plattsmouth showed brightly.

In the broad jump Don Cotner broke a school record with twenty feet, besting the previous record. Jess Taylor was winner in the discus and shot put while Lawrence Rhoades was the winner in the javelin.

The Plattsmouth relay team of "Hob" Hinz, Fred Kniecke, Don Cotner and Earl Lamberson were winners in a thrilling finish in which King of Nebraska City led Lamberson until in the last stretch King fell and Earl coasted on to a win and the tie of the track meet.

100-yard Dash—King, Neb. City, first; Hinz, Platts, second; Kuwitsky, Neb. City, third. Time 16.7 sec.
250-yard Dash—King, Neb. City, first; Platts, Neb. City, second; Kuwitsky, Neb. City, third. Time 24.6 sec.

440-yard Dash—Covles, Neb. City, first; Kniecke, Platts, second; Carey, Neb. City, third. Time 60.3 sec.

880-yard Run—Covles, Neb. City, first; Jensen, Platts, second; Walden, Platts, third. Time 2 min. 23.5 sec.

1 Mile Run—Hendrix, Platts, first; Martin, Neb. City, second; Rishel, Platts, third.

60-yard High Hurdles—King, Neb. City, first; O. Taylor, Platts, second; Kallina, Platts, third. Time 9.6 sec.

110-yard Low Hurdles—King, Neb. City, first; O. Taylor, Platts, second; Kuwitsky, Neb. City, third. Time 12 sec.

880-yard Relay—Plattsmouth first (Hinz, Kniecke, Cotner, Lamberson); Nebraska City, second. Time, 1 min. 44.7 sec.

Shot Put—J. Taylor, Platts, first; Gentry, Neb. City, second; Wittie, Neb. City, third. Distance, 38 ft. 3 3/4 inches.

Discus—J. Taylor, Platts, first; Kallina, Platts, second; Gentry, Neb. City, third. Distance, 93 feet 3 in.

Javelin—Rhoades, Platts, first; Carey, Neb. City, second; King, Neb. City, third. Distance, 135 feet 2 in.

Pole Vault—McCleary, Platts, first; Fleming, Neb. City, second; Gentry, Neb. City, third. Distance, 11 feet 1 in.

High Jump—Hiner, Platts, first; Wittie, Neb. City, second; Kuwitsky, Neb. City, third. Height 5 ft. 5 1/2 in.

Broad Jump—Cotner, Platts, first; Carey, Neb. City, second; Fleming, Neb. City, third. Distance 20 feet.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE

C. S. Mahaffey, district representative of the Rural Rehabilitation Department, states that the relief program in the rural areas is based upon a provision of a means for self-sustenance for families now on relief. Families with considerable agricultural experience now living in small towns of this territory are the ones who will be helped first under this program. "The people of this community are the ones who must do the larger part of the work in planning this program," Mr. Mahaffey said. Each community should, if possible, see that every vacant farm house be made to house a worthy family and sufficient ground should be provided for the raising of a garden and feed.

It is not the plan to furnish supplies, live stock and material in large amounts to any one family. "We want the family to be able to pay out the debts contracted with us in order to preserve its own standing and self-respect, as well as to keep the federal funds intact," Mr. Mahaffey said. "We are going to supply only the essential, fundamental needs, and payment will be permitted in labor." Work projects will be arranged in each community through which all or part of the credits for repayment may be obtained.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. Carl Kunsman in this city will be pleased to learn that she seems to be reacting nicely from her severe attack of heart trouble. She is at St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, where she was taken two weeks ago.

BRIEF VISITOR HERE

From Thursday's Daily
Mrs. Stephen Mueller, of Spaulding, Nebraska, who with her husband resided here throughout the winter of 1932-33, when he operated the Sinclair service station, was a brief visitor in town last evening, coming down from Fort Crook, where she is visiting with relatives, including her brother, George Rushart, who operates the oil station and lunch room on Highway 75, at the Fort Crook corner, and other relatives in the same line of business at the Bellevue corner on Highway 75. She states business conditions are greatly improved at Spaulding, and they have been able to keep their buildings there rented during the past year as a result.

L. O. Minor is Named Head of Rotary Club

Superintendent of Plattsmouth Water Corporation to Serve as Head of Civic Body.

The Plattsmouth club of International Rotary at their meeting this week selected their officers for the ensuing year, following presenting of the list of names by the nominating committee and which were presented at the previous meeting.

The club selected as the officers for the year the following: President—L. O. Minor; Vice-President—H. G. McClusky; Secretary—Frank A. Cloidt; Treasurer—Frank M. Bestor; Directors—William Baird, P. I. Rea.

The new president has been one of the most active members of the Rotary club, being an earnest and enthusiastic booster of the aims and objects of this civic organization that strives for the closer friendship of individuals and a better understanding among the nations.

Mr. Minor is the superintendent of the Plattsmouth Water Corporation in which position he has served for a long period of years and has been a prominent and active leader in civic work in the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Rotary club.

ATTENDS SORORITY MEETING

Mrs. R. E. Hayes of this city was a visitor at Morningside college at Sioux City, where she enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Kappa Zeta Chi sorority of which Miss Jean Hayes is an active member and Mrs. Hayes an alumna.

The sorority entertained the mothers of the members at a delightful tea on Saturday and the mothers were happy to have this opportunity of getting acquainted.

At 6:30 the dormitory girls entertained their mothers, or mothers of their young men friends at dinner, followed by a very pleasing program of music by the Kappa Zeta trio and toasts arranged about the subject of "Gates." Girls selected from different classes spoke on Castia, Ruby, Eusey, and Open Gate, while a member of the faculty gave a most inspiring talk on "Closed Gates," and a mother rather carried out the idea of romance with the topic "Garden Gate." Again the mothers had opportunity to visit and even into Sunday they were taking leave of the happy hours that had been theirs.

Many of the girls were planning their trip with the college a cappella choir which leaves Sunday for a two week trip through western field of the college, going through south Wyoming, south through Denver, into Kansas and back through Omaha, where they give their last concert May 4 at Hanscom Park church. There are 50 to 60 members and they travel by two large chartered buses.

HERE FOR LODGE MEET

Miss Theresa Hemple, grand secretary of the Degree of Honor of Nebraska, is here from Lincoln, coming down to attend the meeting of the Plattsmouth lodge of the order that is being held today at the home of Mrs. August Roessler. Miss Hemple is a member of the Plattsmouth lodge and it was a great pleasure to the grand secretary to be with the members of the home lodge.

Plattsmouth Talent Entertain at Vet Hospital

Splendid Program Is Given Friday Evening at the U. S. Hospital at Lincoln.

From Saturday's Daily
A group of Plattsmouth talented entertainers were presented last evening at the United States Veterans' hospital at Lincoln, the even being sponsored by the Plattsmouth American Legion Auxiliary.

The local artists were received with the greatest appreciation by the veterans and the attendants at the hospital and who deeply appreciated the fine offering that was given for their entertainment.

The program was opened by several piano duets by Mrs. L. S. Devoe and Mrs. R. W. Knorr that were given in the usual artistic manner of these ladies.

Mrs. Gilbert Hinz, one of the popular vocalists of the city, gave a number of the popular song hits of the day in her charming manner, Mrs. H. L. Thomas serving as the accompanist.

A song and dance number was offered by Shirley Mason while a dancing specialty was given by little Miss Donna Mae Mason, both being exceptionally clever.

Miss Aimee Jane Thomas was heard in two very fine piano solos as her contribution to the entertainment of the evening.

Miss Betty Kallina gave as a clever and much enjoyed part of the program, a reading that she presented here in the declamatory contest of the high school.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe of the city schools, with his magic acts won the hearty applause of the veterans who followed closely the various tricks that the genial superintendent had prepared for their entertainment.

A touch of the old war days was given by a group of the young girls, Aimee Jane Thomas, Betty Kallina, Betty Bellin, Wilda Johnson, Marjorie Fitch, they inging "My Buddy."

George Jaeger also favored the veterans with several of his artistic violin numbers that proved a fine feature of the Plattsmouth program.

Rev. G. A. Pahl, of the St. Paul's church, gifted musician, was heard in two piano numbers that were given with brilliancy and charm.

At the close of the program the Plattsmouth Auxiliary presented the members of the group at the hospital with cigarettes as remembrances of the occasion.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are very appreciative of the kindness of those taking part in the program and also those who furnished cars to help take the party to Lincoln.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO LINCOLN

From Thursday's Daily
A large number of the members of Mt. Zion commandery, Knights Templar, were at Lincoln today, where they were in attendance at the state convocation of the Knights Templar of Nebraska. The members of the drill team were participants in the parade and the competitive drill that was staged at the coliseum at the state university. There were drill teams from many of the commanderies over the state to take part in the colorful drills.

In order to get used to the type of floor they would be required to drill on in the competition tests, the local team put the finishing touches to their execution last night by drilling on the maple dance floor at the Legion community building.

VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Pfoutz of North Platte, Nebraska, with their daughter, Mrs. Helen Place, of Omaha, were in the city on Wednesday to enjoy a visit the old time friends and associates. The Pfoutz family were residents here for several years while Rev. Pfoutz was pastor of the First Methodist church and the family has a very large circle of friends in the community. Rev. and Mrs. Pfoutz are much pleased with their home in the west part of the state and where Rev. Pfoutz has a large church and congregation.

TO SPEAK ON MEMORIAL DAY

The American Legion committee, which has been arranging for a speaker for the Memorial day services have been very fortunate in securing one of the well known speakers of the east Nebraska bar. This is Attorney Varro E. Tyler, of Nebraska City, popular and well known leader in the American Legion and service men's organization of the state. Mr. Tyler will bring a fine message and the local service men are delighted that they were able to secure his services.

Mr. Tyler is a past commander of Nebraska City Legion post and has also held district and state offices in the organization during the fifteen years of its existence.

Barn and Out Buildings Burned Late Yesterday

Fire Destroys Building at Home of Marvin Winters on Maiden Lane—Some Live Stock Saved.

Fire late Friday afternoon destroyed the barn, hog house and chicken coop at the home of Marvin Winters in the west part of the city and fanned by the brisk wind there was no chance of saving the buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters were out of the city when the fire occurred and the alarm was given by neighbors who saw the barn burst into flames and which soon spread rapidly. There were several horses and other stock in the barn that the neighbors were able to lead from the burning structure.

The blaze spread to the hog house and caused the death of a sow and a litter of seven pigs and also burned the chicken coop before the flames were finally checked.

It is thought that the fire may have originated from burning corn stalks as early in the morning Mr. Winters had been burning stalks some distance from the buildings and had thought that the fire was entirely extinguished before he had left with his wife for Omaha. It is thought that some sparks probably remained and which fanned by the wind had revived the fire and were carried by the wind to the barn.

There was quite a large amount of alfalfa hay in the barn and which added to the intensity of the fire as the high wind whipped the flames through the structure.

The pinocle tournament sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America, closed Friday night at the Swedish auditorium at Omaha, when Magnolia camp of that city was awarded the prize for the camp competition.

Cass camp of the Modern Woodmen of this city had representation in the individual honors, as four of the local players were awarded prizes for their skill. The Plattsmouth winners were O. E. Pinetrock, Eugene and Meredith Chancellor and Fred H. Vincent.

The local camp was host to one of the tournament games when 125 of the Omaha participants were here for the contest.

CATTLE KILLED BY TRAIN

Wednesday afternoon twelve head of cattle belonging to C. Lawrence Stull, prominent farmer and stock raiser, north of this city, were killed. The cattle were crossing the road that crosses the intersection or had strayed from their pasture about the time a fast northbound freight came through. The train plowed through the herd of cattle and killed or fatally injured all of them and scattered the mangled forms of the cattle from the place of the accident to near the north crossing at Orecopolis.

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RECEIVES SAD NEWS

The sad news has been received here by the members of the Ledgway family of the serious condition of Mrs. Carl Kiser, formerly Miss Jessie Ledgway, who is critically ill at her home at Arrow Wood, Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Kiser is suffering from double pneumonia and also a severe attack of heart trouble that makes her recovery a matter of grave doubt. Mrs. Edith Hansse, a sister, is with Mrs. Kiser in her illness.

Mrs. Kiser is the eldest daughter of John Ledgway of this city and has made her home in Canada since 1920.

RETURNS FROM CANADA

Canon Petter, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, who has been spending the past few weeks at Toronto and other places in Canada, returned home last evening. Canon Petter made the trip by car and had a very pleasant journey to the old home of the family. He will resume his services Sunday at the church at the usual hours.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother.—Mrs. Edna Copenhagen, Mr. and Mrs. Don D. York, Charley Fresse, Mrs. Russell Mullen.

Death of Member of a Pioneer Family of County

Major F. Reed, Who Died in Arizona on April 4th, Former Resident of Rock Bluffs.

Many citizens of this county, especially those residing in this vicinity a great number of years ago, will regret to learn of the death of Major F. Reed, who died on April 4, 1934, in Arizona, where he had located temporarily on account of failing health.

Major F. Reed was born March 5, 1856, in Rock Bluffs, and was a son of Dr. F. B. Reed who came to this county in 1859, Dr. Reed having been the first mayor and first doctor of that little city. The deceased Major Reed was better known as "Jake," so called in honor of Jacob Fox, pioneer citizen of the town. "Jake" received his early education under direction of the late Joseph D. Patterson, founder of "Naomi Institute" in 1870. In 1876 the Reed family located in Peru, where "Jake" and his sister Capitola, were graduates of the State Normal.

He was married in 1890, and spent the past thirty-five years in Wyoming and California, the latter being his permanent home. It was at his request that the remains were cremated in Long Beach, California. There are yet a number of people in this city and county who were schoolmates of "Jake" Reed, among them being the Pattersons, Jones, Holmes and Graves.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL

From Saturday's Daily
The funeral services of the late August Kaffenberger was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church which was filled with the many friends and neighbors to pay their last tributes to the memory of this fine young man whose death has brought such a shock to the community in which he spent his lifetime.

The services were conducted by Dr. Harry G. McClusky, pastor of the church, who brought to the members of the bereaved family circle a message of hope and consolation in the promise of the eternal life that was to be the reward of true Christian life.

During the services the Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Cloidt, H. G. McClusky, Raymond C. Cook and R. W. Knorr gave two numbers, "Still, Still With Thee" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me."

The members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Kaffenberger was a member, provided an escort at the church and at the grave.

The services at the grave were attended by a large number from this portion of the county, while Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. conducted the Masonic burial service. W. A. Robertson, past master of the lodge, gave the eulogy at the grave.

The Masonic quartet at the cemetery sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

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