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Armistice Day Quietly Observed in This City

November 11th Falling on Sunday, Holiday Observed Today—Program at High School.

The passing of Armistice day, that event which sixteen years ago electrified the entire world, was very quietly observed here today, the only formal program being that presented at the high school this morning.

Sunday, the churches of the city took recognition of the event in their services with special sermons by the pastors on the lessons of the war and the need for universal peace on earth.

The community prayer service at 2 o'clock at the St. Luke's church was attended by a large number to join in prayer and the silent tribute to the dead of the war days and prayers for the preservation of the nation in the future. This service was participated in by the various ministers of the churches of the city.

The banks of the city today are closed for the holiday as are a number of the offices at the court house.

The passing of Armistice day brings many recollections to the veterans of the world war and to those who suffered the bereavement of some loved one in this great conflict. Local service men were in many outfits and on Armistice day were in service from the far off islands of the Pacific to the very front lines, where in the last weeks of the war the Americans had fought and blasted their way to the key position of Germany at Sedan, where the lines of the German communication was under the range of the American artillery. Many of the Plattsmouth veterans participated in the St. Meihel and the Muse-Argonne campaigns that had blasted the hope of German victory.

HAVE DELIGHTFUL MEETING

The members of the Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a most charming Armistice day meeting Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson. Vestetta Robertson Gray was the hostess of the meeting with Miss Helen Farley and Miss Caroline Baird as the associate hostesses.

The home was beautifully arranged with large baskets of the yellow chrysanthemums that added their charm to the scene.

The meeting was largely attended, there being twelve guests who are eligible to membership in the society and the chapter also received a new member, Mrs. Phillip Grant.

The ladies enjoyed a delightful program which comprised several violin numbers by Miss Rachel Robertson while the hostess was heard in several of her artistic piano selections.

Miss Olive Gass, one of the well known musicians of the city, gave a wonderful talk on "Colonial Music," covering the history of development of music from the time of the first settlers and the development of American composers.

The members of the chapter joined in greetings to the national president, Mrs. Magna on her birthday anniversary.

With the close of the meeting the members were invited to the handsomely arranged dining room where a most delicious two-course luncheon had been arranged, one that was appreciated to the utmost by all of the members of the party.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Plattsmouth folks who called on Sister Celestine, higher grade teacher in St. John's parochial school, at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha yesterday report that she is showing considerable improvement following a course of electrical treatments for the malady that took her from the schoolroom to a hospital bed some ten days ago.

She is hopeful of returning to her duties here before Thanksgiving, but not yet assured that she will be able to do so.

During her absence the Grammar grades are being taught by Sister Delores, regular Primary teacher, whose place in that department is being taken by Constance Rea.

DENIES DEATH REPORT

The report received here last week of the sudden death of Esper McCleary at Arcadia, Nebraska, seems to be without foundation. The death which occurred was that of Gerald Billinger, a nephew of Mrs. McCleary and in the message sent to the son at Peru it had been misunderstood that Mr. McCleary had died and the son left Peru burdened with the thoughts of the father's passing, only to find on reaching Ansley that the father was there to meet him. The friends here will be pleased to learn that the report was not true and that Mr. McCleary is still among the living.

Fine Religious Drama Offered at M E Church

"The Gift," a One Act Drama Proves a Wonderful Presentation of the Theme.

From Monday's Daily
"The Gift," a one act drama was presented at the Methodist church last evening. Its theme was the healing power of the Christ.

Mr. George Kafenberg played the part of the bed-ridden old man, Wilbur Hall, the blind man who was seeking the Galilean. Each gave excellent presentations of his character. Miss Virginia Samek as the self-righteous, energetic woman who followed Jesus with the curious crowd, gave a fine interpretation of her character.

Joel, the cripple boy was played by Joe York, and Gabriel his friend by Bobbie Hayes. Dorothy Duxbury was the little neighbor girl. The story centered around Joel the cripple, and the naturalness of his acting was very fine.

Mr. Walter Herger and Ward Whalen were in charge of the platform, curtains and lighting.

This is the first of a series of plays to be presented by the Epworth League. Work will be started immediately on "The Dream That Came True."

On December 23rd a candle lighting service will be given.

On Christmas eve at 7:30 the Sunday school program will be held, and at eleven o'clock "Why the Chimes Rang" will be presented. At the midnight hour the plan is to present "The Perfect Gift."

DEATH OF PIONEER

The death of Dempsey White, 96, occurred at his home at Surprise, Nebraska, near where he had resided for the past sixty years, he having homesteaded near the present town of Surprise.

Mr. White was born near Chillicothe, Missouri, in July, 1838. He was a resident of Cass county for some years in the late sixties before moving to the newer sections of the state.

Mr. White was the oldest resident of Butler county and up until the past few weeks he had been able to be up and around and in his usual good health.

He had made his home with a daughter, Mrs. Belle Coleman in Surprise for several years. He is survived by two sons, the wife having passed away several years ago.

Mr. White was a brother of the late Ivan White and great uncle of Mrs. F. R. Gobelman of this city.

CHILD BADLY BURNED

Richard Elliott, who is engaged in river work near Peru, was in the city Sunday for a short time and reports a serious accident that befell their little son, Larry, 3, on Friday. Mrs. Elliott and the little son have been visiting relatives at Columbus Junction, Iowa, where the accident occurred. The child in some manner fell into a tub of very hot water and before he could be extracted from the tub had suffered severe burns, those on the back being especially severe. The child was taken to the hospital at Muscatine, Iowa, where he is being cared for.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe spoke at the Armistice day exercises at the Louisville high school Monday afternoon.

Former Alvo Girl Wedded at Clarinda, Iowa

Miss Violet Johnson, of Des Moines Wedded to Mr. Charles Devlin in Pretty Church Ceremony.

The many friends of the former Miss Violet Johnson will be pleased to read the account of her marriage taken from the Register and Tribune paper of Des Moines, Iowa.

The marriage of Miss Violet Johnson of Des Moines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Johnson of Clarinda, and Charles E. Devlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Devlin of Tacoma, Wash., took place Saturday at 9 p. m. at the First Methodist Episcopal church.

The Rev. James Brett Kenna officiated, Miss Marie Hunt and Ovil Lansing Benet were the attendants. After a short wedding trip to Chicago Mr. and Mrs. Devlin will be at home in the Jefferson apartments.

Mrs. Devlin attended the University of Chattanooga where she was affiliated with Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Since locating in Des Moines she has been employed by radio station K-S-O at The Register and Tribune.

Mr. Devlin was graduated in 1928 from Beloit college, and in 1933 from the Harvard Business school. At Beloit he affiliated with Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity; Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity and Omicron Delta Gamma, national economics fraternity.

At Harvard he served on the editorial board of the Harvard Business Review. He is now with The Des Moines Register and Tribune Co.

Mr. Devlin's father is president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

Mr. Devlin's father is president of Alvo, Nebraska. After completing her high school and college course, she experienced seven years as a radio entertainer and continuity writer. She is the granddaughter of the late Paul Johnson of Alvo, Nebraska, also granddaughter of Mr. W. A. Fowler of Ashland, Nebr.

CENTRAL BUILDING PROGRAM

Mrs. Clara Wescott, member of the D. A. R., addressed the students at Central building Monday, November 12, in observance of Armistice day. Mrs. Wescott spoke of the many dangers that threaten the nation and that we must be ever on our guard against institutions that have for their purpose the destruction of the United States.

In addition to Mrs. Wescott's talk, which was very much appreciated, the program consisted of: Song, "Beautiful Blue Danube," combined 5th and 6th grades; Readings, "The Grandson of a Veteran" by Shirley Walling; "Our Beautiful Banner," by Maldon Allen, Ronald Lester, Fritz Schacknels, Corbin Davis, James Yelick, Elmer Haffke; song, "Katy Did," fifth grade group; Readings: "Music of the Waves" by Peggy Wiles; "For My Country," by Leroy Bashus; "Peace to the Brave," by Betty McKissick; "Our Flag" by Verona Toman; "The Flag Goes By" by Betty Jo; "The Song of the Flag" by Sylvia Moore.

RETURNS FROM CHICAGO

Louis Patton returned home Sunday from Chicago where he spent a week visiting with his brother, Ward Patton and enjoyed the closing days of the Century of Progress exposition. Louis accompanied his father, R. H. Patton to Maconville, Georgia, near where they have a large pecan plantation. The crop of this year was not yet ripe and the managers of the plantation expect to ship the crop north later in the season.

GIVES ADDRESS

Attorney J. A. Capwell of this city was at Alvo for the Armistice day services which were held at the high school there on Friday. Mr. Capwell, a war veteran, gave an interesting account of the observance of the day in the territory where he was stationed at the time, also drawing lessons from the results of the great war that should lead the world to peace.

ADDRESSES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Attorney J. A. Capwell spoke to the Junior High school Monday, November 12, at 11:00 a. m. in observance of Armistice day. This is the third time that Mr. Capwell has spoken to this student body and has always proven to be interesting. Mr. Capwell stressed the fact that there are opportunities for Junior High pupils to be patriotic and can do so by being law abiding citizens and pay the proper respect to the flag and the nation.

In addition to this the program consisted of: An essay by Lester Reeves; "Liza Jane" by Jack Canterbury; "Roses of Picardy," Helen Hiatt; song by Dorothy Ann Will.

Death of George L. Berger, Cass County Pioneer

Colorful Figure of the Early Days of Cass County Dies at Home of Son in Omaha.

The death of George L. Berger, 85, pioneer of Cass county and one of the last of the old time settlers in Nebraska, died on Sunday at the home of his son, W. H. Berger, 2308 Douglas street, Omaha. The passing of Mr. Berger was quite sudden as he had been at Plattsmouth on last Wednesday to bid old friends farewell as he was planning on leaving soon for Orange, California, to spend the winter there.

Mr. Berger was born near Greenville in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berger. The family came to Nebraska in 1857 and it was one of the interesting events in the life of Mr. Berger when as a youth he came from the steamboat at Plattsmouth to make his future home in the west. The family located on a farm in Louisville precinct and where Mr. Berger still has land interests.

Mr. Berger completed his educational work in the primitive schools of the pioneer days and later spent two years at school in Plattsmouth. He had been a careful and thrifty man and was possessed of much land interests in Cass county and especially in the vicinity of Elmwood where he resided for several years after moving from the farm near Louisville.

The deceased was married on November 3, 1870 to Miss Florida Kilgore, who died some two years ago at Orange, California, where the family spent several years. There are a number of children surviving the passing of the father, Mrs. William Stander, Bertha and Anna Berger, Orange, Calif.; W. H. Berger and Mrs. Flora Zachay, Omaha.

Mr. Berger was a speaker here at the old settlers day of the Korn Karival and related many of the interesting incidents of early days at that time.

The funeral service of this pioneer resident will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Elmwood and the interment be in the cemetery there.

HOLD MASQUERADE

The eighth grade boys and girls had a masquerade party in the high school gymnasium last Friday night.

At the beginning of the evening they enjoyed a program by some of their members. Janet Westover sang "The Old Spinning Wheel," accompanied by Ruth Westover at the piano; Maxine Nielsen played a piano solo; Beria Helen Ault tap danced and Bill Armstrong, Robert Hayes and Jimmie Jones presented some magic tricks. A very greatly enjoyed magic show was presented by Mr. Devoe at the end of the evening. The greater part of the evening was spent in playing games under the leadership of Mr. Devoe.

A committee of mothers, Mrs. John Hatt, Mrs. Walter Byers, Mrs. Ray McMaken, Mrs. R. P. Westover, Mrs. Harry Nielsen and Mrs. Frank Barkus, served delicious refreshments at a suitable hour.

From Tuesday's Daily
S. S. Davis was in Lincoln today where he was called on some business and incidentally to enjoy a short stay with his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Davis.

Death of Dr. A. F. Jonas at Omaha Tues'dy

Well Known in This City—Was Head of U. P. Surgeons for Many Years.

The death of Dr. August Frederick Jonas, 76, one of the leaders of the medical profession in the state, well known to a large circle of Plattsmouth friends, occurred Tuesday at the family home, 106 South 31st ave., Omaha.

Dr. Jonas retired from practice and from teaching seven years ago, following a stroke. Sunday he suffered another stroke, and death came at 10 yesterday morning.

Dr. Jonas was for 29 years chief surgeon for the Union Pacific railroad. At the time of his retirement he was chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Nebraska medical college at Omaha. He was a contributor to many medical magazines and was regarded as one of the pioneers of surgery.

Native of Wisconsin.
Dr. Jonas was born in Wisconsin and was graduated from the Bennett Medical college in Chicago in 1877.

He studied in Vienna, Berlin and Paris from 1882 to 1884, and was graduated from the University of Ludwig Maximilian in Munich in 1884.

Coming to Omaha in 1887, Dr. Jonas became connected with the Union Pacific. In those days Omaha was the medical center for all the territory to the west, and Dr. Jonas, as one of the best-known surgeons, ordinarily spent the entire morning at hospitals operating.

To Omaha School in '92.
Dr. Jonas was a member of the Societe Internationale de Chirurgie, was once a vice-president of the American Medical association, a vice-president of the American Surgical association, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, president of the Western Surgical association, president of the Missouri Valley Medical association, and of the Nebraska State and Douglas County Medical societies.

In 1892 Dr. Jonas joined the faculty of the Omaha Medical college with the title of professor of clinical surgery. In 1899 he became dean of the college, remaining in that post until 1902, when the college was taken over by the University of Nebraska as its medical department.

Organized War Unit.
During the war Dr. Jonas took a leading part in organizing base hospital unit No. 49, with an ambulance company. He was medical adviser to the governor on military matters. As aide to the governor, he had the rank of captain.

In 1929 Dr. Jonas asked to be retired, and by action of the university's board of regents was given the title of professor emeritus. The university also conferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws, in recognition of his service to the school.

Services on Thursday.
The doctor's writings on surgery gained him a wide reputation both in the United States and in Germany, as he spoke and wrote German fluently. He had lectured in German on medical subjects.

Never restricting himself to medicine, Dr. Jonas was known also as an amateur mineralogist. He had a large collection of minerals. He was also interested in art and literature, and had a small collection of Egyptian art.

Following his retirement, Dr. Jonas spent a good deal of time traveling, mostly in Europe.

Surviving Dr. Jonas are the widow and three children, August Frederick, Jr., Mary Elizabeth and Carl Stebbins Jonas.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 at the home, in charge of Rev. Charles Durden. Burial will be at Forest Lawn.

A HAPPY EVENT

The home of Mrs. Hans Selvers is one of the happiest in the city owing to the arrival there of a fine little granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Short. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought great joy to the little brothers and the proud father.

VISIT AT SPENCER, IOWA

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bates and children, Texanna, Milford, Jr., and Roberta, motored to Spencer, Iowa, where they enjoyed the day visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Osburn Cheney. Mrs. Cheney is a cousin of Mr. Bates and the visit was the first they have enjoyed for a number of this years. Mr. Cheney is well known in this city as he formerly resided at Shenandoah, Iowa, and was connected with the receivership of the First National bank here. He is now engaged in the banking business at Spencer, one of the fine small cities of northern Iowa.

Truck Strikes 'Zephyr' East of Greenwood

Crack All Steel Burlington Train and a Truck Load of Corn Have a Collision—None Injured

The fast streamlined train of the Burlington, the "Zephyr" and a truck loaded with corn crashed Tuesday evening at a crossing east of the town of Greenwood.

The truck was driven by Paul Armstrong of Riverton and who was accompanied by William Smith, a friend, and neither the driver or passenger were injured in the crash.

The front end of the loaded truck was somewhat damaged. The train was going about thirty miles an hour when the crash took place.

Witnesses said the truck hit the train near the front, and as it was whirled about struck the train a second time. A doorstop to the mail car was bent and there were a few dents on the stainless steel side of the train about forty feet further back. Repairs on the train were made Tuesday night in Lincoln.

The train was stopped after the accident and backed up to the point of collision. Burlington officials said the Zephyr was running exactly on schedule.

SURPRISED ON 16TH BIRTHDAY

A large crowd of neighbors and friends gathered last Saturday night at the Alexen home to help celebrate Miss Ruth Alexen's sixteenth birthday.

Miss Alexen, who is a senior in Louisville high school was not home during the day and was greatly surprised to see so many of her friends at her home when she came home that evening for a week end visit with her parents, brothers and sisters.

The evening was spent in dancing playing games and cards. At a suitable hour a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Alexen and Mrs. Anton Meisinger. The guest of honor received many useful gifts which will long be remembered.

Those present were: Oliver, Clyde and Catherine Meisinger, John and Ellen Kelly, Norma and Thyra Baumgart, Louie and Mary Wagner, Leroy Meisinger, Cecil Schaal, Carey Zimmerman, Mildred Young, Albert and Florence Sedlak, Marle Hughes, Herbert Meisinger, Vivian, Anna Jane and Freddie Terryberry, Bernese Kaffenberger, Dorothy Rhoden, Norene, Winifred and Virginia Kaffenberger, Lloyd Hell, Andrew Alexen, Frank Fight, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tschirren, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alexen, Mr. and Mrs. Timus Bomberg and family, Elmer, Irene, Marie, Betty and Mildred Alexen, the guest of honor's grandfather and the guest of honor.

HERE FOR VISIT

Oliver Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, arrived home on Sunday from San Diego, California, where he is in the naval training station at that place. Oliver has a leave for ten days and will enjoy it here with the parents and host of friends that he has in this community. Oliver has been in service for the past three months and makes a fine looking representative of this branch of Uncle Sam's service. The many friends are delighted to have the opportunity of a visit with Oliver even if for only a short time.

Civic Body is Advised of Camp Plattsmouth

Supt. W. L. Wallace of Camp and Two Young Men Residents, Guests of C. of C.

The members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their luncheon Tuesday noon at the Stewart cafe, had the pleasure of having with them three representatives of Camp Plattsmouth north of this city.

W. L. Wallace, superintendent of the FERA camp, told of the work of the organization over the nation, the number of camps that have been established to care for the young boys that may be wandering over the nation. The program for the handling of the educational work, planning activities and training that would fit the boys for useful lives and the general rehabilitation of the youth was among the points covered by Mr. Wallace. He also discussed the work of the local camp and their activities there.

With Mr. Wallace was two of the young men of the camp, Roy Zeigler and Robert Hanke, one a resident of New York City while the other had made his home in Louisiana, both now being residents of the camp. They gave their impressions of the camp and answered a number of questions as to their plans and the benefits that they had felt they derived from the camp training and associations.

The Chamber of Commerce voted to send a representative to the navigation congress at St. Louis which will deal with improvement work on the upper Missouri and Mississippi rivers. It was voted that A. E. Stewart, manager of the Norfolk Packing plant here, be the official representative of the city of Plattsmouth.

The Chamber of Commerce had as guests two of the prominent residents of the La Platte community, Charles Grosshans and Amos Lake.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber of this city observed on Saturday the passing of their fifty-second wedding anniversary and Saturday and Sunday had a number of relatives with them to enjoy the occasion. Miss Emma Toman and John Hiber were married here on November 10, 1882 and have made their home here continuously since that time. They have been numbered among the best and most highly respected citizens of the community and have a large circle of friends to join in their congratulations to them on the anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hiber are the parents of six children, John Hiber, Jr., of Hastings, Mrs. Frank Bestor of this city; Mrs. Herbert Rokhar of Phoenix, Arizona; Frank Hiber of Riverton, Wyoming; Joseph Hiber and Miss Eleanor Hiber of this city. Mrs. John Hiber, Jr., of Hastings was here to assist in the anniversary.

ENJOY A FINE MEETING

The Catholic Daughters of America held a very much enjoyed meeting on Tuesday evening at the hospitable home of Mrs. Frank Mullen, with Mrs. Frank Bestor, Mrs. Cyril Kalina, Mrs. Edgar Creamer and Mrs. W. V. Ryan as the associate hostesses.

There were six tables of cards, the ladies spending the evening in bridge and pinochle. Mrs. John Bergmann being the winner in bridge and Miss Betty Bergmann in pinochle.

A short business session was held to take up a number of matters of importance to the court.

Guests of the evening were Mrs. Thomas Walling, Mrs. Joe Weber, Miss Ruth Ferrie and Miss Lucille Case.

Dainty refreshments were served by the ladies at the close of the evening and which added to the pleasures of all those in attendance.

TO THE VOTERS

Deeply appreciative of the magnificent vote given me at the election on November 6th, I wish you all to accept my sincere thanks. I shall strive to give you the best possible administration of the office of sheriff. H. SYLVESTER.