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## Annual Meeting of Presbyterian Church is Held

Church Officers Selected for Ensuing Year by Congregation—Reports Show Fine Condition.

From Thursday's Daily  
The annual congregational meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church was held last night in the Fellowship room of the church. Following a short devotional service led by the pastor, Dr. H. G. McClusky, the business meeting was conducted by Geo. L. Farley, moderator of the congregation.

Reports were made from every organization of the church showing the activity during the past year and the financial condition of each group. These reports demonstrated the loyal leadership in these various organizations and the progress which had been made during the past year. Recent changes in the set-up of the organizations of the local church have been the merging of the various women's organizations into the Federation, the formation of the Westminster Guild and the organization of the Men's Club.

The annual election of officers resulted in the selection of the following to conduct the work of the church during the next year: C. A. Rawls and R. F. Patterson were re-elected members of the Session for a term of three years. John L. Tidball and H. L. Gayer were re-elected to the board of trustees. L. O. Minor who has served for many years as treasurer was also re-elected. The officers for the Sunday school are as follows: C. J. Schneider, superintendent; Miss Penrie Staats, assistant; Mrs. Frank A. Cloldt, secretary-treasurer; Floyd Shanbott, assistant; pianist, Miss Estelle Baird; Jean Knorr, assistant; chorister, Frank A. Cloldt; superintendent cradle roll department, Miss Helen Farley. Roy Olson was elected head usher with the following assistants: Chris Bullin, C. J. Schneider, Chas. Antness, Sheldon Giles and R. F. Patterson.

## YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

The marriage of Miss Ruby Sheldon and Mr. Elmer Gochenour, well known young people of this community, occurred on Tuesday at the court house, the marriage lines being read by Judge A. H. Duxbury in his usual impressive manner.

The wedding ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Royer, the latter being a sister of the bride.

The young people are expecting to make their home on a farm south of this city and where the groom will follow his avocation of farming and where they will be at home to their friends.

The many friends in the community will join in their well wishes to the young couple for many years of wedded happiness.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheldon and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gochenour, both young people having grown up in this community and where they have received their education.

## PURCHASES NEW HOME

The Frank Perchance property on west Pearl street at the west outskirts of the city has been purchased by C. L. Spidell, who with his family are expecting to move to the new home as soon as it is made ready for their occupancy. Mrs. Perchance is expecting to move to Chicago where she will make her home with her son, Frank Kalasek. Mr. Kalasek and his mother are expecting to leave the city the latter part of this week if possible in order that he can resume his work from which he has been absent for the past two weeks, being called here by the death of his stepfather.

## HERE FROM WEEPING WATER

William Bates, one of the well known residents of Weeping Water, was in the city Wednesday evening to look after some business matters and calling on his friends in the county seat. Mr. Bates is an old time resident of our neighboring city, making his home there over a long period of years.

## WILL DELIVER ADDRESS

Principal R. Foster Patterson of this city has been selected as the commencement speaker for the eighth grade graduation exercises of the Otoe county public schools. Superintendent Place of Otoe county in selecting Mr. Patterson, can rest assured that he has one of the best public speakers in this part of the state and whose experience and training has made him greatly in demand for public speaking events over the state. The date of the commencement exercises has not as yet been set by Mr. Place.

## Sketch of Life of Pioneer of Central West

Charles Leslie Wiles, Born in Mills County, Iowa, in 1854, and Lived His Life There.

The death of Charles L. Wiles, member of one of the largest and best known families of Mills county, Iowa, and Cass county, Nebraska, occurred last week at the home near Glenwood, as was announced in the Journal last week. The following is a short sketch of the life of Mr. Wiles and of his funeral services:

Charles Leslie Wiles, son of Luke and Lucinda Wiles, was born Nov. 11, 1854, in Mills county, Iowa, and departed this life at his home southeast of Glenwood, March 21, 1935, aged 80 years, 4 months and 10 days. February 15, 1876, Miss Frances Thomas and Charles Leslie Wiles were married. They began house-keeping on the farm six miles south east of Glenwood, and on this farm they lived all these years. One child, Marion, was born to this union. Mrs. Wiles died Nov. 13, 1924.

Mr. Wiles grew to manhood and spent his entire life in Mills county. At the time of his death he was the oldest person in the township in which he resided. Born in the pioneer days of Iowa he has seen, and had part in the development of his native county as but few men of his generation have experienced.

Mr. Wiles was a member of the Pleasant Ridge United Brethren church. His faith found expression in character and conduct that won the respect and confidence of his friends and neighbors. The son has paid a beautiful tribute to the admirable character of this man when he said, "In addition to kindred ties, father and I were friends."

The following near relatives survive: one son, Marion and wife; one sister, Mrs. Frances Egli, Washington, D. C., one brother, Will Wiles, Fresno, California, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for this highly respected pioneer were held on Saturday afternoon in the Methodist church at Glenwood, with the pastor, Rev. Martin H. Keast in charge.

Music for the service was furnished by Mrs. Anna Kemp, Mrs. Orley Altgruse, W. H. Rodabaugh and Whitney Gilliland, with Mrs. Clyde Rhoads at the piano.

Pallbearers were Richard Delavan, Jim Chambers, Henry Hubbard, Elmer Younker, Josh Hayter, and Frank Dashner.

The body was taken to the Wau-bonsie cemetery where burial was made in the family lot.

## BASEBALL IN SCHOOL

This year the athletic department of the high school is planning the addition of baseball to the line of sports that make the school of great interest to the boys of the community. The local school has not carried baseball as one of its line of sports activity in recent years but this feature should add much to the interest of the youngsters in the summer season.

It is planned to have the local team play the various high school teams of the other towns of Cass county where this sport has been used largely as the spring and summer activity of the athletic department.

The inclusion of this sport in the spring program should bring out a good crop of the ambitious ball players from the local school to try out for placement on the team.

## Union Teacher Goes to Field in the Southwest

Superintendent J. D. Marcell of Union to Head Large High School Organization in Arizona.

Supt. J. D. Marcell, for the past twelve years teacher and superintendent of the Union schools, has been elected principal of the Apache County high school located near Springerville, Arizona, and will begin his new duties the first of September. This is a distinct promotion for Mr. Marcell and comes to him as a result of the fine record he has made as an administrator at Union and the excellent record in graduate work which he has made at the University of Colorado.

Apache County high school has a corps of fifteen teachers and there is no elementary work done in this system so that Mr. Marcell's entire time will be devoted to the supervision of secondary education. It is of particular interest this year that a half dozen of the students who are graduating at Union began their school life in the first year Mr. Marcell taught in Union.

While the other members of the profession in Cass county regret that Mr. Marcell is leaving this section, yet they are proud of the recognition and advancement which he has won. He has been one of the most active and progressive young men in the profession and last year served as president of the Cass County School Masters Club.

For a number of years also, Mrs. Marcell has been in charge of the schools at Murray and the citizens of that community regret that she must sever her work among them. During her service there, the Murray school has won outstanding recognition from our state department for the excellence of its work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marcell will carry with them into the southwest, the best wishes of a host of friends in Cass county.

## FOUNDERS DAY PROGRAM

The Parent-Teachers association of the Wintersteen Hill school, one of the live wire organizations of the city that has showed the greatest interest in the development of their school, held their Founders Day program at the school house on Tuesday evening.

This organization has been untiring in making their school plant one of the best in the city and the little brick school house is now one of the best equipped in the city and largely due to the fine co-operative work of the residents of that section of the city and the board of education.

The members of the board of education and their wives were invited as guests of the P. T. A. for the very interesting meeting.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe gave a very inspirational address on the theme of Founders Day and stressed the good results of the co-operation of the parents with the teachers of the schools in getting the best results from the school.

Vocal solos were given by Elva Olson and Wilbur Hall while Miss Wieland gave a most delightful reading as her part of the program.

Mrs. Etta Gorder, president of the board of education responded briefly for the members of the board and congratulated the association on the fine work that they have accomplished and planned.

The association plans the landscaping of the school grounds for this year, planting of shrubs and trees along the grounds to add to its attractiveness.

## HERE FROM WEST COAST

Mrs. R. L. Foster of San Francisco, has been here and at Omaha for the past few days visiting with her children, Mrs. Arthur Blunt of Omaha and Donald Warner of this city and meeting for the first time the grandchildren. Mrs. Foster is accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Mable King of Detroit, at which city Mrs. Foster has been visiting. The ladies are expecting to spend some time at their old home at Avoca, Iowa, later going to their respective homes.

## ELECTED ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

J. R. Reeder, science teacher of the local high school, has been elected as assistant principal of the school. Mr. Reeder is one of the popular and efficient members of the faculty and has been a member of the faculty of the school for a period of several years.

Mr. Reeder in addition to his school work has been active in the promotion of Boy Scout activities in the city for the years that he has served on the local faculty.

## Tarkio Glee Club to Present Program Here

Musical Treat to Be Presented at the High School Auditorium Tuesday Afternoon.

A program will be presented at the local high school on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 3:15 o'clock by Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri. The program will consist of vocal numbers given by the Tarkio College male quartet and instrumental and vocal solos given by individual members of the quartet. The quartet is composed of three Sterrett brothers, Boyd, Delbert and Marvin of Des Moines, Iowa, and Merle Strom of Shenandoah, Iowa.

The quartet will be accompanied here by Dr. M. Earle Collins, president of Tarkio College who will address the local students on the subject "On What Do You Have Your Eyes Set?"

It will be remembered by the students that a similar program was given in the high school assembly during the past two years. Friends of the school are invited to hear the Tarkio College program for it is one to which our local students will look forward from year to year.

The following students from here are in attendance at Tarkio College this year: Otto Stodola, Cecil Comstock, George Adam and Evelyn Mead.

## CLASS SERVES DINNER

From Thursday's Daily  
The second year class in Home Economics at the high school, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Marie Hornung, gave their annual dinner last evening with the members of the board of education, superintendent and principal and their wives as guests. The dinner was served in the Home Economics class room which was appropriately decorated with the decorations of sweet peas, the tall tapers in cut glass holders, which with the snowy linen and china made a very pretty picture. The menu of the dinner was as follows:

Grapefruit Cocktail  
Beef Squares  
Baked Potatoes in Half Shell  
Buttered Beans  
Fruit Salad  
Jelly - Rolls - Butter  
Radish Roses - Celery Curls  
Graham Cracker Ice Cake  
Coffee

The planning, preparation and serving of the meal was done by the girls of the advanced class and reflected great credit upon themselves and their teacher.

## SMALL FIRE WEDNESDAY

The residence of Joseph Hadraba at Eleventh and Vine streets was the scene of a small fire Wednesday afternoon that was checked before any serious damage was suffered. The fire originated it is thought by sparks that ignited a small portion of the roof. The blaze was extinguished promptly by Oscar Gapan, Jr., who was plowing at one of the neighbors and the members of the Koubek family residing across the street. The fire department responded to the call but the prompt action of the neighbors had the blaze out before the department arrived.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETS

The Woodmen Circle met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rozina Ripple. After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Rev. Calvert, Former Pastor, Passes Away

Death Comes to Loved and Honored Member of Clergy at Omaha Hospital Thursday.

The death of Rev. John Calvert, 65, retired Methodist minister, occurred Thursday night at an Omaha hospital where he had been for an operation following an illness of several years. His condition had been recognized as grave from the beginning and the members of the family were at the hospital to spend the last hours with him.

Rev. Calvert was pastor of the First Methodist church of this city from 1921 until the fall of 1923 when he was elected as superintendent of the Mother Jewels' Home at York, Nebraska, where he and Mrs. Calvert remained in charge of this institution which is maintained by the Methodist Women's Missionary society. He remained as superintendent until his retirement from active ministerial work last fall as his health was gradually growing worse. He was in his earlier years pastor of the Louisville Methodist church.

Rev. Calvert during his pastorate here made many warm friends and was a most genial and cordial gentleman and one that was greatly interested in athletic sports and particularly tennis and basketball.

Previous to coming to this city he was pastor of the Benson Methodist church from 1915 to 1921 and while there was active not only in his church work, but as well assisting in the athletic department of Benson high school, in 1920 taking the basketball team to Lincoln where they won the honors in class B.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr. John Calvert, of Pierce, Nebraska, Alfred Calvert, principal and athletic director of the Pierce high school, and three daughters, Mrs. Roy Young, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Edith Grively, York, and Mrs. Lillian Lushbaugh, Harrison, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held at York on Sunday afternoon with interment at that place.

## REMOVING FROM CITY

From Thursday's Daily  
R. R. Otreodosky, who has for several years been engaged with the F. G. Fricke & Co. drug store in this city, has completed the negotiations for the purchase of a drug store at Milligan, Nebraska, leaving for that place today to enter on his new business enterprise. Mr. Otreodosky is a pharmacist of many years of experience and with his delightful personality and business experience will make a fine addition to the business circles of Milligan.

Mrs. Otreodosky, who has been teaching in the public schools at La Platte will remain here for the rest of the school year before removing to the new home at Milligan.

The departure of these estimable people from the city has caused a great deal of regret among the many friends that they have made and last evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tritsch entertained at their home in honor of the departing friends. The evening was spent at cards and a general social time with the only regret being that they are soon to lose these friends from their circle. Mrs. Kenneth Samek and daughter, Donna Rose, of Wahoo, were out of town guests of the evening.

## SHOWING NICE IMPROVEMENT

Miss Rachel Robertson, one of the popular students of the local high school, was operated on Thursday at Omaha for ear trouble from which she has been a sufferer for some time. The operation seems to have been very successful and it is hoped that Miss Rachel may be able to return home today or Saturday from the hospital.

## VISITS IN CITY

From Thursday's Daily  
L. R. Upton, well known Union business man, was in the city for a few hours today to visit with his many friends. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. G. S. Upton, who was called here to look after some matters of business.

## VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Friday's Daily  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Schneider are rejoicing over the addition to their family circle of a fine seven pound son and heir, born last evening at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The little son and mother are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of happiness to the members of the family. This is the first grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider of this city and who are sharing the joy of the parents. The young man has been named Ronald David.

## Attempted Robbery at Murdock Halted with Gun

Sprayed with Fire From Shotgun Two Youths Make Escape, Later Captured in Omaha.

From Saturday's Daily  
Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning the village of Murdock was the scene of another attempted store robbery and in which the prompt action of Mr. Amgwert, manager of the Murdock Mercantile Co. saved the loss of considerable property.

The two would-be robbers had gained entrance to the store by forcing the door and proceeded to make themselves at home, turning on the lights and leisurely sorting out the goods they intended to take. Residents across the street from the store noticing the lights called Mr. Amgwert and who grabbed his shotgun and hastened to the vicinity of the store.

The two robbers started to carry out a load of goods and placed them in their car when Mr. Amgwert opened fire and the air was full of buckshot that riddled the car and prevented the escape by the robbers in their car, they breaking and running and in the dark were able to elude pursuit.

East of Murdock the robbers stole the car of Paul Schewe and made their getaway in this apparently to Omaha as the car abandoned in the gun battle was from a Drive-It-Yourself agency in that city.

Sheriff Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Tom Walling, notified of the robbery, drove at once to Murdock and sent out a general alarm to officers in the nearby towns to be on the lookout for the robbers.

Later this morning Omaha police rounded up two young men named Cunningham and Glazier, who were found in possession of the car stolen at Murdock and they were held at the station to await the arrival of the Cass county officers.

This is the second store robbery in the county that has been checked by the excellent work of the store owners and the bandits commencing to find the going getting rough in Cass county for this type of outlaws.

## BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR LIBRARY

As a part of the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the public library on Thursday, April 11th, a gift will be presented to the library in honor of Miss Olive Jones for fifty years the librarian. Civic bodies and other groups, including employees of the stores and offices are contributing. For the convenience of others who wish to contribute to this fund, receptacles for same may be found at the following places of business: John Crabbill, Soennichsen Co., Bestor & Swatek, Fetzner Shoe Co., Mauzy Drug Co., Charles Peterson, Ed Donat, W. W. Wasley.

It is desired to file as part of the anniversary records the names of all contributors. Please sign your name when contributing, but do not indicate any amount.

## WESTMINSTER GUILD MEETS

From Thursday's Daily  
The Westminster Guild was entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Cloldt. The devotionals were led by Mrs. Marjorie Lohnes. The lesson John Calvin was given by Wilhelmina Henrichsen. A very interesting discussion was held on the topic of "White Lies."

After a short business meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Auto Wreck Sunday Night Injures Three

Accident Takes Place Near Masonic Home—R. W. Lynn, 45 of Elmwood Taken to Hospital.

A serious auto collision occurred Sunday night near the north of the Masonic Home grounds when the cars of Glenn McClure, 40, of this city and that of R. W. Lynn, 45, of Elmwood, crashed and resulted in the injury of all of the occupants of the car, Lynn being accompanied by Al Alford, 38, also of Elmwood.

Mr. McClure was coming south to Plattsmouth as the other car from Elmwood was going north to Omaha when they collided. Mr. McClure stated at the office of the physician where he was being treated that he had driven his car as far to the right as possible to avoid the smashup and was partially on the shoulder of the roadside when hit.

Several motorists who were passing just shortly after the accident brought the injured men into town to have their wounds dressed.

McClure and Alford were taken to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover to have their various cuts and lacerations sewed and dressed. Alford was cut in a number of places on the scalp and face, but none of which injuries were of a dangerous nature and McClure also had several bad cuts, one on the side of the head being quite severe.

R. W. Lynn was apparently the most severely injured of the trio and in addition to cuts he was complaining of severe pains in the chest and after first aid treatment at the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson, he was taken on into the University hospital at Omaha for examination as it was thought that he was caught by the wheel of the car and may have had his chest crushed in the crash.

Both cars were badly damaged by the wreck and were ordered removed to garages by Sheriff Sylvester to await action by the car owners.

## HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Charles Peterson, Jr., entertained at her home on South 5th street in honor of Mrs. Martha J. Petersen, whose birthday anniversary occurs on March 29th.

The guests of the afternoon were the members of the pinocchio club of which Mrs. Petersen has been a member for a number of years and the ladies spent the time in the pleasures of this fascinating game. Mrs. Fred H. Mumm was winner of the high score.

In honor of the birthday anniversary Mrs. Petersen was given a handkerchief shower by the friends of the club and many beautiful remembrances were received as tokens of the friendship of many years.

At an appropriate hour a dainty two-course luncheon was served by the hostess who was assisted by her daughter, Shirley Ann Petersen and Mrs. John E. Schutz. The luncheon was featured by the handsome birthday cake with its sixteen gleaming candles.

## SENIOR PLAY

The Senior play for 1935 has been selected and try-outs for places in the cast will be held Monday. The committee has selected "Hot Copy" a comedy of newspaper life as the production for this year, to be given on the evening of May 10th. The scene of the play is laid in the editorial room of the Evening Herald of a small city. The class feels that this should make an interesting play as none with this setting has ever been given by a Senior class.

The cast will be directed by Mr. Wayne Alford, coach of dramatics and declamatory. Miss Florence Beighley is class sponsor. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday.

## CHARGED WITH INTOXICATION

Officers Pickrell and Stewart Friday night arrested a man giving the name of Fred Summers, who was found in a state of intoxication and the officers escorted him to the city jail to rest up from the effects. The defendant was to face Judge Graves this afternoon on the charge.