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Second of the Series of Fifty Years

Second 10-Year Period of History of Library Told as Part of Anniversary Observance.

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of five articles, each by a different writer, dealing with the history of the Plattsmouth public library, which this paper will publish in honor of the 50th year of existence of the library. The following article tells of the history of the years from 1895 to 1905.

By ROBERT M. WALLING
During the period from 1895 to 1905 the Young Ladies Reading Room Association kept constantly at work in their battle to provide the town with a public reading room, raising funds to stay in existence by giving various forms of entertainment such as dances, lawn socials, home talent plays, etc. We are all susceptible to the habit of becoming accustomed to things we have and often times fail to appreciate them. This is especially true in the case of our public library, when you realize that at this time the young folks had no place to go in which to seek clean recreation and enlightenment. Playing in the street was conducive to bad morals and manners that worked not only to their own detriment but to the detriment of all with whom they came in contact. Contrast this with a group of youth gathered around library tables exercising their minds in wholesome environment. From this you can readily see the worth of the cause for which the association was fighting. Many a rough, untidy boy has received his first lesson in refinement and good manners by the gentle individual welcome extended him by our librarian.

The association was still laboring under the difficulty of inadequate quarters until 1901 when the first public library building became a reality. This was accomplished only after many years of untiring effort on the part of our citizens. The lot was located on the northwest corner of 4th and Vine streets, directly north of the present site, and was donated by Mrs. C. H. Parmele. Architectural services were furnished gratis by Fisher and Lowrie. Tom Parmele furnished all brick used in construction. A group of shop men responded to an appeal for funds by contributing generously, to be followed by nearly every citizen of the community.

The new building—the pride of all Plattsmouth—was formally opened with a New Years reception on Jan. 1st 1901. Over 200 people called to partake of the hospitality extended by the Library Board and the Young Ladies Reading Room Association. It was the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of the free circulating library and the board deemed it but meet and proper that the charter members of the Y. L. R. R. A., to whose untiring efforts the new structure was largely due, should be invited to assist in receiving the guests. Accordingly the following ladies responded: Mesdames W. K. Fox, H. N. Dorey, A. E. Gass, F. A. Murphy, E. W. Cook, D. O. Dwyer, J. L. Root, Thom Walling, D. C. Morgan, T. H. Pollock, A. D. Eigenbradt, Chas. Murphy, V. J. Streight and Misses Addie Searle and Olive Jones.

At this time the need for books became apparent and the association was assisted through this period by the efforts of Miss Cora Hill and Miss Lindsay, the librarian of the Evanston, Ill. Free Public Library. Through their efforts a large number of volumes were placed in the library. These books were the discards from the Evanston library and arrived in much better condition than many books on our shelves. Through the contribution of these books the library was able to meet the growing demand of its circulation. It contin-

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MURDOCK ITEMS

Ray Gamlin, with his driver and two trucks, was delivering corn for Al Leaver to the elevator of Simon Rehmeier, at Alvo.

George Miller was feeling rather poorly during the greater part of last week, but by the end of the week was able to be about again.

Chester Elsemann, the painter and paperhanger, has been busy during the greater portion of last week with work in and near Manley.

Homer Lawton, the painter, has been busy during the past week with the painting of some houses as well as papering one, in South Bend.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee were in Lincoln last Wednesday, where they were calling on some patients of the Doctor, who are in the hospitals there.

I. G. Hornbeck has been wrestling with a very sore throat, and was so hoarse that he was not able to speak above a whisper for a number of days.

Business called Henry A. Tool to Lincoln Wednesday and while he was away, the business of the Credit Association was looked after by Mrs. Tool.

Albert Straich has been having a new shingle roof placed on the home in Murdock which he purchased last fall. The work is being done by Frank A. Melvin.

Frank A. Melvin was a visitor in Lincoln last Wednesday, where he was looking after some business matters as well as visiting with his mother and sister. He was accompanied by his wife.

Homer H. Lawton was a visitor in Wabash last week, where he went to see his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Lawton, who has recently returned from a winter's sojourn with a daughter residing in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Frank Dean is spending several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Dehning, at Big Springs. She left for there early last week and was anticipating a very pleasant visit with the relatives there.

Frank A. Melvin is doing some work at the Wm. Reuter home some three miles south of Murdock, where he did considerable work some time since, and was back now completing the altering of the home.

Mrs. Lacy McDonald, who suffered a fractured leg some time since, is getting along very nicely, and while it is very tiresome for her having to sit around, as she cannot walk, she is getting along very nicely.

The Murdock Four Square club will meet on April 11th, and are expecting to have an excellent time. The meeting will be held in town and it is desired that all the members be present as there is some important matters to come before the club.

Surprised on Birthday

On March 21st, Ferdinand Hess was passing his 67th birthday anniversary and a large number of the young friends of this gentleman met and went to his home with well-filled baskets of good things to eat as well as an abundance of good cheer and merry intentions and provided an excellent evening for their friend with music, games and the excellent lunch. Mr. Hess entered into the spirit of the merry evening and favored the young people with a group of numbers on his trusty and favorite accordion.

Visited Flower Show Yesterday

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool drove to Wahoo Saturday evening for an overnight visit at the home of their son, Kenneth Tool and wife, and on Sunday all went to Omaha, where they visited with friends and also attended the flower show.

Home from the Hospital

Mrs. Louis Wendt, who was in an Omaha hospital receiving treatment for a number of days, was so far recovered that she was able to return home Wednesday of last week. Louis went over after the wife, bringing her to the home of her parents where she will remain until she regains her strength. The many friends of this excellent woman are pleased that she is getting along so well.

Sold a Fine Bull

W. O. Schewe, who is a breeder and grower of some very fine cattle, making a specialty of raising and selling bulls, had one of his finest bulls at the fine stock show which was judged as third in points and when the animal was sold it brought \$134.50. As the one which was adjudged first in points sold for less than a hundred dollars, Mr. Schewe was well pleased with the testimonial this sale offers of his ability to raise fine cattle and knowledge in picking real prize-winners to offer the buying public.

Attended Brotherhood Meeting

A delegation from Weeping Water were in Murdock one day last week to

secure Mr. L. Neitzel as the principal speaker for the meeting of the Congregational church brotherhood that was held on last Monday night in conjunction with a banquet. A most pleasant time was had and all were well pleased with the excellence of the address which was made by our fellow-townsmen. The speaker held out the idea that no church is complete without such an organization, which provides the most healthy sort of co-operation between the pastor and the members of the congregation. It is true, he said, that for years the idea seemed to be to let the women do the work—and they did, doing a splendid job of it. The Ladies Aid societies have always been the backbone of successful church financing, and still continue to function along that line most admirably. But the new idea, and a splendid one it is, gives the men of the church a part of the responsibility and work. A group of men thus banded together can accomplish great good. Not infrequently a man harassed with cares and a heavy burden may think it just as well to give up the struggle, but the friendly hand-clasp and cheering words of greeting that come to him from the men of the "brotherhood" will often work wonders in assisting such a discouraged one to take up his work again and go out to win.

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Will Play Kittenball

A move is on foot to arrange for having a series of games of kittenball during the warm weather, beginning in the near future and extending thru to the fall months. The flood lights will enable everyone to enjoy night games this year and should make the Murdock field a very popular place with the sport fans of this part of the county, as there is no other lighted field nearer than Plattsmouth. A large number of good players were developed last year and Murdock should be able to recruit a prize-winning team this year, capable of engaging in competition with the best teams of this part of the state. Do what you can to further this move.

Rapid Trip to East

The oft-heard expression "From Maine to California" brings visions of a long distance and truly it is—and for that matter it is no short distance from Murdock to Maine. Orville Davis can well attest this fact, for he has just made the trip, going to Biddeford, Maine, in four days, which is stepping right along. The young man is a nephew of Geo. Mills and had been staying here during the past winter. He left about seven o'clock Monday morning and as the sun was going down that evening, he was more than 400 miles from here and at the end of the fourth day's driving had covered the distance of some 1,709 miles and was near the rock bound coast of the pine tree state.

Program at Omaha Monday

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyers and the children, of Sioux City were visiting at the home of relatives and friends here last Friday and Saturday, being guests of A. J. Tool and wife and Mrs. August Panska, the former parents of Mrs. Meyers and the latter mother of Mr. Meyers.

On Sunday, Mrs. Meyers gave a very entertaining vocal program from broadcasting station WOW in Omaha, at 2:30 in the afternoon and was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George Work. The program was enjoyed not only by the regular listeners but by many of the friends of the artists, who had advance knowledge of their being on the air and were tuned in.

To Hold Rug and Quilt Show

The R. N. A. ladies are sponsoring a rug and quilt show and food sale to be held at the R. N. A. hall Saturday afternoon, April 13th.

There will be a collection of rugs as well as old and new quilts and quilting designs, besides a lot of good food for you to purchase.

No admission will be charged, but a fine lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served.

To Hold Quarterly Conference

Rev. E. A. Jackson, district superintendent of the Lincoln District, will be in Murdock to hold the last quarterly conference for this conference year next Saturday and conduct communion services next Sunday morning at the Louisville church, as well as in Murdock.

This is also the last conference for H. R. Knoep, who served the time limit on this charge, and who will leave Murdock after the annual conference, which will be held at Ithaca on May 24th.

The Sunshine Girl

The Murdock Glee club presented

Beach Styles for 1935 Even More Stream-Lined



Figures show that there will either be more drownings in 1935 or fewer men will go in swimming. At least the figures shown above modeling the 1935 bathing suit styles indicate that the poor male is going to have a hard time concentrating on swimming this season. One of the more dashing

numbers calls for a little net judiciously arranged over a silken lining. Another novel design is created from cellophane. Native Tahitian prints in riotous colors will also be smart. Generally speaking, the 1935 beach styles will depend to a great extent on one's coat of tan.

Cass County Farm Bureau Notes

Copy furnished from Office of County Agent Waincott

Seedling Trees Being Distributed.

Clarke-McNary seedlings and transplants for Cass county farmers will be shipped on March 27th. Agricultural Agent Waincott was informed by Earl G. Maxwell, extension forester at the Nebraska College of Agriculture.

The evergreen stock will be shipped from the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey and the broadleaf varieties from Fremont. All trees come parcel post. Cass county farmers made application for 18,100 seedlings earlier in the year.

In making planting suggestions, Forester Maxwell says the trees should be placed in a bucket of water or thin mud upon arrival and planted directly from the bucket. The ground where the trees are planted should have been plowed last fall or early this spring. If the pines cannot be given proper care in a windbreak, he suggests putting them in the garden about 18 inches apart and transplanting them later. A shingle on the southwest side of each tree will protect it from the hot sun in July and August.

Seed Loans Soon Available.

The federal seed loan bill for sixty million dollars was signed by the president Thursday evening. It is believed that money will be available within a week or ten days after the president's signing. Farmers that are interested in securing this loan should get their names into the Farm Bureau office immediately so that we can mail them the blanks at once when they are received.

Corn-Hog and Wheat Payments Received.

During the past week or ten days corn-hog and wheat checks have been distributed to Cass county farm-

ers. Second payment corn-hog checks, totaling \$161,602.95 have been delivered to farmers from all parts of the county. The total amount of money received in the county on corn-hog contracts during the past year is \$387,216.05. A number of wheat checks which were late in arriving, sent the total of 1934 payments on wheat contracts up to \$27,504.78. The total amount of money received, in three payments, on wheat contracts in the county, is \$62,827.23.

their play of this name at the auditorium of the Murdock school building last Thursday evening, with a large number present. The play was directed by Miss Berg and the youthful thespians handled their respective parts in splendid manner, meriting the applause given them at the close of the acts.

Those who had parts in the play were Ruth Schlaphof, Ruth Bornemeier, Voline Brunkow, Ezra Luetkens, Dorothy Gakemeier, Daniel Ruge, Wayne Bornemeier, Martha Schweppe, Vernon Rikli, Louise Bornemeier, Veri Brunkow, Irene Panska, Lucille Backemeier, Harold Tool, Jr., Geraldine Schmidt and a group of other Glee club members, forming a chorus of village boys and girls.

Clear Up Information On Grain Imports.
Due to the fact that so much misleading information has been published concerning the imports of grains into the United States, it is time people were getting the right information. The following information will surely clear up a few of these points as these are the most recent available from Washington:
1934 corn imports were 2,959,000 bushels as compared to 11,261,000 bushels in 1919. 2,935,000 bushels in 1924 and 5,040,000 bushels in 1927. Corn imports in 1934 were but little more than one-tenth of one per cent of the 10-year averages United States corn crop, and less than one-half of the average annual corn production in single Nebraska counties such as Cuming and Custer.

Imported corn is used mostly for poultry and dairy feeding on the sea coasts and pays a duty of 25 cents per bushel.
Corn imports for January, 1935, were 1,800,000 bushels, but the exports of hog products during the same period were equivalent to 3,000,000 bushels of corn. If corn imports should continue at the present rate for the remainder of the year and should amount to 20,000,000 bushels, the total would be less than one per cent of the United States 10-year average corn production.

The corn imports this year are mostly from Argentina. The entire Argentine corn crop averages only about 12 per cent of the United States 10-year averages and is only one-fifth larger than Nebraska's 1932-33 average. The entire Argentine crop equals about only one-third of the corn loss through drought in the United States last year.

Wheat imports for the period July 1, 1934 to February 1, 1935, were 3,200,000 bushels compared to 13,500,000 bushels in the 1923-24 season. At the rate at which wheat was imported during January, 1935, total imports for 1935 would amount to about 10,000,000 bushels.

1934 corn imports were 12 of one percent of average production for the ten previous years; oats imports were 47 of one percent of average production for the ten previous years; rye 18.9 percent; barley 2.22 percent; and wheat .96 of one percent. It will be seen from these figures that increase in imports of oats, barley and rye, for which there were no

adjustment programs, were greater than increases in imports of corn and that increase in imports of barley and rye were greater than increase in imports of wheat. This indicates that shortages reflect drought losses.

Following are production figures for cereal grain in the United States, both for 1934 and for the period 1927 to 1931: Wheat, 496,469,000 in 1934; 886,359,000, 1927-31. Oats, 528,851,000 in 1934; 7,186,956,000 1927-31. Rye, 16,040,000 in 1934; 40,950,000, 1927-31. Barley, 118,929,000 in 1934; 270,444,000, 1927-31.

The following list gives the approximate consumption of corn for various types of livestock and for other uses during the 1924-29: Hogs, 41.6 percent; cattle, 19.3 percent; horses and mules, 13.9 percent; poultry, 10.4 percent; livestock not on farms, 2.5 percent; seed and family use 1.7 percent; sheep, 1 percent; exports .3 percent; industrial, 8.8 percent.

World wheat production, exclusive of Russia and China, for the 1934-35 crop was 3,895,000,000 bushels. Domestic consumption of wheat, including requirements for livestock feeding and seed purposes, in addition to human food, ordinarily amounts to about 625,000,000 bushels. Total wheat production in the United States in 1934 was 496,469,000 bushels and the total of corn harvested for grain in 1934 was 1,100,000,000 bushels.

It is estimated that the carryover of wheat in the United States at the end of the present crop year, July 1, 1935 will be about 130,000,000 bushels. The only figure available on visible stock of corn is an estimate as of March 1, of between 500,000,000 and 550,000,000 bushels.

SPEEDING UP SEED LOANS

All speed possible will be used in getting seed loan applications to Nebraska farmers, agricultural extension officials were informed. The blanks may be in the hands of agricultural agents in every county early next week. M. E. Welch of the farm credit administration in Omaha assured H. G. Gould, district extension leader, that the blanks will go out state as rapidly as possible. Farmers will fill out applications and have them forwarded to regional headquarters at Omaha for approval.

A plan whereby farmers on relief or eligible for rehabilitation can get small grain seed held by the federal seed stocks committee immediately was also announced by L. A. White, state director of rural rehabilitation. "Seed orders may be issued to farmers who have exhausted all assets and other resources including farm credit administration but for whom a family rehabilitation plan has been approved," White declared. Clients will give a note, due on or before Aug. 31, in getting the seed immediately on a planting seed order.