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Presbyterian Church Damaged by Lightning

Large Tower of Beautiful Church Structure Badly Shattered in Storm This Morning.

From Thursday's Daily
The tower on the northeast corner of the First Presbyterian church was almost totally destroyed this morning at 4:30 when struck by lightning during the severe electrical storm that swept over the city.

The bolt made a direct hit on the tower, the top of which was almost entirely destroyed and the bolt then traveled down the tower, tearing out two small windows as well as a large part of the brick work on the east of the structure that scattered brick out into Seventh street to a considerable distance as well as the remains of the small windows.

The crash as the church was struck aroused residents in all parts of the city and the shock in the immediate vicinity of the church was intense. The damage to the tower is expected to reach at least \$1,000 as the replacement of the entire tower is probably necessary owing to the cracked condition of that part of the building. Owing to possible collapse of the damaged tower the walks near the church have been barred to prevent injury to passersby from the flying bricks.

The church was erected in 1889 and is one of the largest and most attractive houses of worship in the city and this is the first damage to the church in its long service to the community.

The damage is covered by insurance that will permit the repair or replacement of the tower as soon as the adjustments are made.

GIVEN PLEASANT SURPRISE

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Fred H. Sharpnack was given a very delightful surprise at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmons Ptak, the event marking her birthday anniversary.

The afternoon was spent in bridge in which Mrs. W. V. Ryan won the high score and Mrs. Ray Herring and Mrs. Lon Henry the consolation prizes of the afternoon.

The luncheon served late in the afternoon was arranged very charmingly in the Hallowe'en decorations and featured the large and handsome birthday cake and its glowing candles.

In honor of the birthday anniversary Mrs. Sharpnack received a large number of handsome and attractive gifts from the group of friends.

Those to participate in the surprise were Mrs. W. V. Ryan, Mrs. Ray Herring, Mrs. Lon Henry, Mrs. Bernard Meisinger, Mrs. Walter Tritsch, Mrs. Charles Richards, Mrs. Merle Long, Mrs. Roy Perkins of Omaha, Mrs. Herman Tiekotter, Mrs. Theodore Ptak, Miss Elizabeth Hinz and the guest of honor, Mrs. Sharpnack.

RECEIVES DESERVED PROMOTION

From Thursday's Daily
Earl Carr, who has been engaged with the local store of the Hinky Dinky Co., for the past year, today departed for Columbus, Nebraska, where he is to be located in the future as assistant manager.

Mr. Carr has been a very able worker in the store here and his keen and bright business ability has made him a most valued employe to the company. He is a young man of outstanding character and has the highest esteem of all those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

The many friends will join in their well wishes to Mr. Carr in his new work and that he may have every success that he so well deserves.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown to our loved one, W. F. Gillispie, in his last illness and to all who took part in the funeral services. Especially do we wish to thank the Masonic lodge for their service as well as Dr. McClusky and the members of the Masonic quartet.—E. E. Henton; Mrs. Lillian Hatten; Mrs. J. H. Adams; The Nieces, and Nephews.

RADIO IS BURNED

From Thursday's Daily
County Commissioner J. A. Pitz did the fireman act this morning during the electric storm when a radio at his home was caught on fire after the current was carried into the machine from the severe lightning. The radio was smoking when discovered and it was necessary to remove the machine to the open air where several buckets of water were necessary in extinguishing the fire. The bolt of lightning also put the electric lights out of commission as well as the telephone.

Hanley Cohn is Killed in Plane Crash in West

Veteran Pilot and Brother of B. C. Cohn, Killed in Test Flight of New Boeing Plane.

Hanley Cohn, 32, brother of B. C. Cohn of this city, was killed in a plane crash Wednesday while traveling as a passenger on the test trip of a new Boeing plane of the Wyoming Air Service Co., twenty-five minutes after the plane had left its home port at Cheyenne.

Mr. Cohn, who makes his home at Denver, had been requested to accompany the ship to aid in its testing but was not piloting the plane on the ill-fated trip that not only claimed his life but that of M. T. Arnold, chief test pilot, Edward Yantis and Harold Kaufman, of the company's instrument shops.

The news of the crash and the death of the brother came as a great shock to Mr. Cohn, who had just returned from a trip to the west with his parents and the brother, Hanley, at his Denver home. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cohn left Denver on Tuesday morning as his brother was leaving by plane for Cheyenne to take up his duties at the flying field, he being engaged as pilot on the line from Cheyenne to Billings, Montana.

Hanley Cohn is well known to many here as he has made several visits to this city with his brother and family and who will sympathize with the family in the sudden tragedy that has visited them.

The deceased is survived by the widow and two children of Denver, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cohn, of Sheridan, two brothers, B. C. Cohn of this city and Charles of Sheridan, as well as one sister, Marie Cohn, of Sheridan.

HALLOWE'EN IS QUIET

The police report that Hallowe'en this year was one of the most quiet that has been experienced and if any serious depredations were committed they were not reported to the law enforcers.

Several gangs of the youth roving over the city were broken up by the police and special officers and as far as known the celebrations were confined to small social gatherings and a few minor outbreaks that alarmed neighborhoods but proved groundless. Residents along North Eighth street reported several cases where the vandals had been at work.

The elimination of the old time pike fences and gates, the horse and buggy and the structure immortalized by James Whitcomb Riley, have taken a great deal of temptation from Hallowe'en as was, old timers of the community state.

HERE FROM DENVER

Mrs. Matt Joy, a former resident of this city some twenty-five years ago, was in the city Wednesday to spend a few hours in visiting with the old time friends in the community where the family had made their home for a great many years. Mrs. Joy was able to meet a number of the old friends of the years past and enjoy a very pleasant stay in the short time she was here.

REPAIR SCHOOL ROOM

From Thursday's Daily
One room of the St. John's parochial school was dismissed today as the room is being remodeled and a new ceiling placed which has been badly needed for some time and which had become in such shape that it was necessary to have the work completed at once.

J. B. Larsen of Louisville Given Sum of \$31,500

Settlement Made by Nebraska Power Co., for Loss of Both Arms in Accident a Year Ago.

J. B. Larsen, of Louisville, Wednesday made the settlement of his claim against the Nebraska Power Co., at Omaha, for the loss of both arms while engaged in working at the Lyman-Richey sandpits near Louisville. Settlement was for \$31,500 and which with care will provide for his wants and that of his family for at least the remainder of his years.

On September 26, 1934, Larsen was helping to dismantle a gravel mill at the Lyman-Richey Sand and Gravel company's pits. He was working on a sand pile which lay up against a transformer station.

He swung a cable, which came into contact with the power wires. For minutes, while fellow employes looked on with horror, Larsen was held by the power wires, his whole body bursting into flame from the 13,200 volts passing through it.

After a time, a circuit breaker shut off the current in the wire. The victim dropped to the sand pile.

Other employes picked up the charred body and took him to an Omaha hospital. His arms were so badly burned it was useless to save them. For months Larsen lay near death, underwent six operations, then slowly began to get well.

Life then seemed a vain gift. Armless, what could he do to support himself and his five children?

Signs With Artificial Hand.
Out of the hospital, Larsen got artificial arms. His attorneys, Reed, Ramaciotti & Robinson, filed suit against the power company.

The settlement was agreed upon Wednesday, Larsen, smiling, signed the papers in a firm hand, the pen held in his artificial fingers.

With the money he receives, this man, who has a life expectancy of 25 years, could purchase an annuity that would give him a larger monthly income than he ever had while working. And at 45, he had only a few years left as a semi-skilled laborer.

Larsen said he would invest his money to conserve the principal. He may go into some business in Louisville later.

JUNIOR C. D. OF A MEET

Troop No. 2 of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America held a very pleasant Hallowe'en party on Tuesday evening at the home of Wilma Swatek on high school hill, which was attended by a very jolly group of the members of this troop.

The home had been arranged in the fanciful decorations of the Hallowe'en season and the bright colorings added to the attractive settings of the happy event.

The games committee, composed of Shirley Peterson, Betty Jo Libershal, and Harriett Case had arranged a very clever series of games and in the apple contest Renee Brown and Mary Kvapil were the winners while Harriett Case was awarded the prize for the best costume.

The members of the party enjoyed the dainty refreshments that had been provided by the committee, Mary Alice Ault, Renee Brown, Mary Kvapil, Ileen Case, served at the close of the evening.

Those attending the event were Shirley Peterson, Shirley Walling, Mary Kvapil, Betty Jo Libershal, Renee Brown, Harriett Case, Helen Sikora, Wilma Swatek, Norma Baumgart, Ileen Case, Mary Alice Ault.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Walter J. White, who has been feeling very poorly for the past three weeks is now reported as being some better and is now able to be up and around part of the time. The many friends are pleased to learn of her improvement and hope that she may soon be restored to her former good health.

From Saturday's Daily:
Mrs. Fred H. Mumm was a visitor in Omaha today where she will spend a few hours attending to some matters of business.

LEAVE FOR HOME

Mrs. J. F. Sindelar and daughter, Kathryn Mae and niece, Mrs. Floreice Fiala left Monday for Omaha, Nebraska, after spending several weeks at the home of Mrs. Sindelar's father, R. L. Propst on North Federal.

Mrs. Elvin E. Greene, Jr., entertained at a farwell bridge party on Saturday evening at her home on North D street. High scores were held by Mrs. Sindelar and Mrs. W. A. Hendry. Other guests were Mrs. William Hunt and Mrs. Frank Hardin of West Palm Beach, Mrs. Dorothy McDaniel and Mrs. Dwight A. Propst.—Palm Beach Post.

P. E. O. Holds a Fine Meeting at Falls City

Members of Chapter F, of This City Present Skit as Part of the Program of Meeting.

Members of the P. E. O. sisterhood of eastern Nebraska held a very pleasant meeting on Thursday at Falls City, guests of the chapter there at a district meeting.

Despite the bad weather conditions there were a large number of the chapter that had representation at the meeting and these all had a part in the fine program of the day.

Chapter F, of this city presented a musical skit that represented the establishing of the sisterhood, the members taking the roles in "Epic in the Life of a P. E. O." which was cleverly given and interspersed with delightful numbers which used the musical scores popular in the late sixties and early seventies.

In the sketch Mrs. W. A. Robertson served as the reader, Mrs. E. H. Wescott as the grandmother, Mrs. P. T. Heineman as the little girl, Mrs. L. S. Devoe as the girl in college, Mrs. Oglia Wiles as the college graduate.

In the presentation piano numbers were given by Mrs. Heineman, Mrs. Devoe and Mrs. Wiles and Mrs. Wescott was heard in a lullaby.

The ladies attending the meeting were Mesdames L. S. Devoe, L. O. Minor, Louis Lohnes, chapter president, Robertson, Heineman, Wiles, Wescott.

The gentlemen that drove the party to the meeting were Elbert Wiles, L. O. Minor and Dr. P. T. Heineman.

HEAR INJUNCTION CASE

From Thursday's Daily
This morning Judge D. W. Livingston was in the city to hear arguments on the demurrer filed by the state liquor commission and the county of Sarpy, to the temporary restraining order secured in Sarpy county by Jess Bashus and Don Norman. The temporary restraining order was to prevent the state liquor commission or the Sarpy county officers from interfering with the sale of liquor at the night clubs of the plaintiffs.

The court in its finding sustained the demurrer of the defendants and for the disallowance of the injunction.

LIGHTNING DOES DAMAGE

From Thursday's Daily
Early this morning during the electric storm, a short in the wiring at the George L. Farley home on Marble street caused a small fire that however did but little damage. A davenport that was located near the short caught fire, but the blaze was discovered in time to prevent the spread of the flames.

A radio at the residence of Anton Trilety as well as at the home of Anton Hula, on highway 75 in the south part of the city, burned out as the result of the lightning.

DEPART FOR MISSOURI

Thursday Robert W. Hinz, Mrs. G. G. Griffin and Miss Frances Gambelin departed by auto for Columbia, Missouri, where they will visit with Miss Geraldine Griffin, who is attending Stephens college, for the week end. They will also enjoy the Nebraska-Missouri football game which is one of the features of the week end sport card in the Big Six, as Missouri is undefeated so far this season.

Zitka-Wiysel Wedding Occurs at Wahoo, Neb.

Ceremony Takes Place at St. Wenceslaus Church—Relatives in Attendance at Happy Event.

On Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the St. Wenceslaus church, Wahoo, Nebraska, Miss Mary J. Zitka, daughter of Mrs. Anna Zitka became the bride of Mr. Raymond H. Wiysel, son of Mrs. Earl Griffin. The Rev. Nenece officiated.

The bride wore a navy blue crepe suit and accessories to match. She also carried an Irish point lace handkerchief which the groom's mother carried on her wedding day and which was made by the groom's grandmother.

Her only attendant was Miss Victoria Palat of Prague. Miss Palat wore a rust crepe dress trimmed with brown. Her accessories were of matching brown.

The groom's attendant was the bride's brother, Joe Zitka.

A dinner was served at noon to members of the immediate families, at the home of the groom's aunt, Mrs. Lena TePol of Mead.

The bride and groom motored to Plattsmouth for a wedding supper at the home of the bride's mother.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Anna Zitka, and attended school in Plattsmouth, later finishing a business course in Omaha where she was employed at the Louis Sommer store as a comptometer operator and cashier.

The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Earl Griffin and is employed at the Bredahl Motor company at Wahoo where they will reside.

ENTERTAINS CLASS

From Thursday's Daily
Mrs. William Baird last evening entertained very pleasantly at her home for the members of her Sunday school class of the First Methodist church. The home was attractively arranged with the Hallowe'en decorations and furnished a very pleasant setting for the party.

The time was spent in Hallowe'en games of all kinds that were much appreciated by the jolly party of young people, while at an appropriate hour dainty refreshments in keeping with the season were served.

Mrs. Baird was assisted in entertaining and serving by Mrs. Fred A. Rothert and Mrs. V. C. Wright.

Those attending the party were Rachel Wright, Mary Louise Kemmer, Mary Alice Ohschlager, Thelma Capper, Beulah Seitz, Leah Edgerston, Arleen Lester, Charlotte Cotner, Phyllis Redd, Betty Jean Vroman, Betty Wright.

PLATTERS-SOUTH IN TIE

Wednesday afternoon the Platter Reserves held their season record unscathed when they held the South High Reserves to a scoreless tie.

The Platters were successful in outdrowning their opponents in the game but their passing attack as well as that of South failed to gain them the needed score to win the game. The local team made good two of their passes for yardage but were held from the scoring line of South.

In the last few moments of the final quarter South sought to annex the game with a place kick but it was far short of the goal.

The start of rain drove the spectators from the scene of action but the young players continued the battle until the final whistle, rain or no rain.

MOVES TO PLATTSMOUTH

This city has received a fine addition to its citizenry in Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Hild, moving here from Murray, where they have made their home in that community for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hild retired from the farm a few years ago as the sons took up the large land interests of Mr. Hild and they have made their home in Murray and caring for Mrs. William Puls, mother of Mrs. Hild until her death. The Plattsmouth people will extend them a cordial welcome to this city as the place of their future residence and where they have many warm friends.

ENTERTAINED ON BIRTHDAY

A very pleasant family party was enjoyed on Friday noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chriswiser, the occasion honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs. E. J. Ferrie, mother of Mrs. Chriswiser. The members of the party enjoyed a fine visit as well as the delicious dinner that had been arranged by the hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich, the latter a daughter, were unable to be present on account of illness.

Greenwood Lad Shot During Hallowe'en Pranks

Russell Witt, 22, Victim as Woman Fires Shots to Frighten Off a Party of Boys.

Russell Witt, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Witt, was accidentally shot Thursday night, by Mrs. Welmes, while he with a party of boys were engaged in the usual Hallowe'en pranks around the town of Greenwood.

The woman had heard the party of boys passing her residence and had gone to the door with a revolver that she claims she had thought she fired into the air but one shot entered the body of Witt. The bullet from the .32 calibre revolver entered the right side of the chest and embedded itself in the lung cavity next to the heart.

The injured boy was taken to the office of Dr. N. D. Talcott where aid was given and he was then hurried to the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln where an X-ray examination disclosed the location of the bullet.

At the hospital Witt told attendants that he with his friends were passing the home of the woman and had no intention of stopping there.

The reports from the hospital are to the effect that the youth is in very fair condition altho serious developments may arise from the wound. The bullet will not be withdrawn, it was stated.

SEARL DAVIS DIRECTOR

Amos Grant of Omaha Wednesday afternoon was elected president of the Nebraska Real Estate association at a convention held at the Lincoln hotel at Lincoln.

Vice presidents elected for each congressional district are Charles Herman, Lincoln, No. 1; Ed Bedford, Omaha, No. 2; O. H. Johnson, Norfolk, No. 3; William H. Dahnke, Stratton, No. 4; and Harry B. Coffey, Chadron, No. 5.

The new directors are Searl S. Davis, Plattsmouth, district No. 1; Grant A. Benson, Omaha, No. 2; William M. Stone, Fremont, No. 3; C. E. Higgenbotham, Hastings, No. 4; and B. J. Seger, Scottsbluff, No. 5.

Past presidents elected to serve as ex officio directors are W. L. Turner, Lincoln, retiring president; C. M. Dornay, Hastings, and L. M. Troup, Lincoln.

HAVE TIE CONTEST

Friday afternoon the high school football team, which had an open date this week took on a game with a number of the ex-Platters of past teams and the two battled to a scoreless tie.

The team organized to play the Platters comprised members of several of the high school teams of recent years with a few players from other schools that are now working here.

The two teams played a very good game but neither could develop the necessary punch to go over the goal.

Among the former local players to comprise the All Stars were Gresh Garnett, William Ronne, Tom Grosshans, Carl Kell, Merle McCrary, Edwin Kalina, Edgar Seitz, Joe Case and "Dusty" Rhodes.

LEAVE FOR THE WEST

From Friday's Daily
Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cohn departed today for Sheridan, Wyoming, where they will attend the funeral services of Hanley Cohn, killed Wednesday in a plane crash. They will make the trip by auto to be with the members of the family at the last rites for the brother whose tragic death has come as a great shock to them.

Sixth Street Paving Approved Start in 10 Days

Crushed Rock Surfacing Over Wintersteen Hill Also Approved by the Government.

From Saturday's Daily:
The approval of the project for the paving of two blocks on Sixth street and the crushed rock surfacing of the mail route over Wintersteen hill, by WPA funds, was given today when Charles G. Young, engineer, arrived in the city to hand to Mayor George Lushinsky the official approval of the government.

The approval covers the laying of two blocks of heavy re-enforced concrete paving on Sixth street from Vine to Pearl streets, the total cost of the project to be \$13,501.80. This will largely be subscribed from the WPA funds, the city to furnish a small part and the property owners to pay small assessments on their properties that lie in the district.

The surfacing of the mail route over Wintersteen hill will be at the cost of \$819.60 of which the larger part is to be furnished by the government and leaving but a small part to be provided by the city.

That gives the city two badly needed street improvements which will be realized at a very small cost to the community and give a lasting benefit to the residents of the entire city as well as the visitors that have the necessity of using these highways.

For years it has been the desire of the city to have these streets given a permanent surfacing but the cost has been so prohibitive that there was no possibility in recent years to have the work carried out. The development of the WPA as an employment measure has given the city the opportunity of carrying out the work. The committee of the city council has given much time and effort to the work of perfecting the plans that have met the approval of the government, and this committee with Mayor Lushinsky deserve the commendation of the city for their fine work.

The work on Sixth street should be started in ten days. Mr. Young states and should give the city a fine completed paving before winter sets in. The work will furnish the means of employment for a large number of men who may be on relief rolls and furnish them with a living wage to assist in their upkeep during the time that the work is in progress and the crushed rock surfacing will also be the means of the employment of relief workers.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Saturday's Daily:
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Woster was made very happy by the arrival there of a fine eight pound son and heir, who with the mother is doing very nicely. The event has come as a great happiness to all of the family circle and the proud father finds bookkeeping at the county treasurer's office a pretty dull task today. This is the first grandson in the Tim Woster and E. C. Jahrig families and who share with the parents the joy of the blessed event. Mrs. Woster was formerly Miss Mildred Jahrig. The young man was christened Stephen Henry.

HOLD PLEASANT PARTY

From Thursday's Daily
Last evening the home of County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner was the scene of a most delightful gathering of little folks, guests of Miss Dorothy Jean Turner.

A large number of games arranged by Miss Marie Hornung, teacher of home economics of the city schools, served to make the evening one of delight to the twenty young folks participating in the pleasant event.

Dainty refreshments in keeping with the Hallowe'en season was prepared and served by Mrs. Turner at an appropriate hour to add to the enjoyment of the event.

Mrs. Edna D. Shannon, of Weeping Water, was in the city Friday afternoon to spend a few hours here visiting with the old time friends and looking after some matters of business.