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Knights Templar Hold Election of Officers

Harrison L. Gayer Named as Commander for Ensuing Year—Installation in January.

Monday evening Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, of this city, held their annual election of officers, there being a large number of the members in attendance. The officers selected were:

Commander—Harrison L. Gayer.
Generalissimo—Ward Whelan.
Captain General—Wm. F. Evers.
Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt.
Recorder—Frank L. Barkus.
The other officers will be appointed by the commander at a later date and in readiness for installation of officers which will be held on the third Monday in January.

Rock surfacing of farm to market roads as WPA projects offers as fine a method of expending relief funds as could be devised.

REPORTS FIGHT ON EROSION

Washington.—H. H. Bennett, chief of the soil conservation service, reported more than 10 million dollars was spent in the 1935 fiscal year to lock the country's soil to the ground.

Bennett told of large projects in the southwest where dust storms in recent years have covered huge areas. On federal land in New Mexico and Arizona, the service has three projects, one covering 17 million acres on the Navajo Indian reservation, another of 8.2 million acres in the upper Gila watershed and a third of 12 million acres in the Rio Grande watershed. At the close of the year, thirteen erosion experiment stations were in operation seeking to find various forms of soil erosion and to develop checks.

Citing an investigation at Bethany, Mo., the conservation chief said "altogether seven inches of surface soil would be lost in about fifteen years under continuous corn crops, nearly seventy-eight years would be required to remove the same soil under a rotation of corn, wheat and clover."

"See it before you buy it."

Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, December 22

By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

"The Christmas Lesson"

Matt. 2:1-12.
While all the world breathes the Christmas spirit, it would seem to be out of place not to have a Christmas lesson; hence we omit the lesson of the international committee on "Machi Foretells a New Day" and bring the above lesson, "Follow the Star."
The whole world was in an expectant mood at this time. The chief priests and scribes knew about it; in far off Persia, there was a stir among the learned men; even nature was not indifferent, because of a constellation of the heavenly bodies, men became aware that something unusual was in progress.

Three men (Kaspar, Mechior and Balthasar, legendary names) are attracted by a star of peculiar brilliancy. Heaven was interested in the greatest event the world ever witnessed—Christ leaving his heavenly home, coming with an escort of the choir that surrounded his throne, telling the world the long expected savior has come. This was "good news" (for those who were waiting for him). (Simeon and Ann) Luke 2: 25-38. What was the reception accorded him? (See John 1:11).

The long journey for these three "kings" deducted from their kingly gifts. His star had led them to the kings residence, to Herod the great. Here they make known their errand, which causes consternation and alarm with Herod, who was known as a tyrant and a murderer. He was troubled, so was all Jerusalem, who would naturally fear something dreadful to happen because of a rival appearing. "A king of the Jews?" Did Herod know the scriptures? Evidently not. The chief priest and the scribes look up the prophecies—yes, here it is (Isaiah 7:14): "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel," and 9:6. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . ."

Where is the place? O, here is the place (Micah 5:2): "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah . . . Bethlehem, the city of Ruth and Boaz, David's ancestor."

The wise men are properly directed and admonished to report back. Herod says he would also go and worship the child. A deliberate lie!

The star again leads the seekers. It is within the first year after the birth, the holy family is living in a house in Bethlehem. As they see the Star, they are exceedingly glad. All seekers for Christ have the same experience, when they find the Christ. Can we not detect God's leading in these movements? As these men behold the child, they fall down and worship "him," not the mother and father. Christ alone is worthy of such veneration.

These wise men shame many of our modern Christians, who seem to

be too proud to kneel in adoration before the King of Kings, which is the proper attitude. Not only lip service is rendered, but of their substance they freely give kingly gifts. (These would soon be needed to pay the fare into Egypt.) Again God directs their way home, by "another way." The sequence: When Herod, waiting for the return of the Magi, found that they had gone to their country by another route and had not returned to give him the information he so much desired, he became enraged and showed his true nature as a murderer, by ordering all boys in Bethlehem, two years old and under, to be slain. The population of Bethlehem at this time was about four thousand, and there would be about one hundred children of that age. It is almost unthinkable that a man can be so dominated by the devil, whose tool Herod was, because it was the devil's scheme to destroy the Christ and prevent the redemption of the race, so as to plan wholesale murder.

The holy child was safe in Egypt by this time!
What heartrending scenes were witnessed by those who had no children: what anguish was the lot of those within the age limits set for execution. This cruelty has no parallel in history. These babes became the first martyrs for Christ. Hence it is indeed a children's festival—the blessed Christmas time.
This seems to have been the last of Herod's many murders; his cup was full and God removed him.
The sojourn of Jesus in Egypt was of short duration, possibly only a few months. The call comes to Joseph in Egypt to return to Palestine, and he goes back to Nazareth—hence Jesus is called a "Nazarene."

This old story is ever new when Christmas comes; it has not lost its charm and sweetness and freshness—and it never will. Even to the aged it brings back memories of blessed childhood in the old home. It is a fountain of blessings that bring joy and gladness. Who is not stirred by the sweet strains of Frank Gruber's "Silent Night! Holy Night!" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!" If the world had no Christmas, it would have no Easter nor pentecost.

Christmas ushered in a new day—Christ had come to live with man, to reveal the Father to all mankind, to tell us how much God loved this old world of ours—so much that he gave his only son to the world as a Christmas present, and with him peace and joy and glory and life. It is no wonder that all people wear a different face at Christmas, because it's in the air, and many see in it the Star—His Star—of Hope and a guide to heaven and home.
"Joy to the World, the Lord has come."

UNION ITEMS.

Clifton Garrison has recently purchased a new Chevrolet car which the family are enjoying very much.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frans and Mrs. Belle Frans were Omaha visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Clifton Garrison and Mabel Reynolds were shopping in Nebraska City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Willis and Harold spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Pittman.

The Misses Sara and Martha Upton were spending the week end under the parental roof tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Warden and Mr. and Mrs. Pike spent Sunday evening at the J. C. Hansell home.

The D. Ray Frans family, Mrs. Jennie Frans and Mrs. Belle Frans were Nebraska City visitors Monday.

The members of the Methodist Ladies' Aid report a very successful dinner and bazaar last Thursday.

Mrs. Lynn Trombla visited in Lincoln over the week end, returning to Union with Mr. Trombla Sunday.

The Ray Bollman family will soon move from this vicinity to Falls City, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. Mary Johnson of Weeping Water is here for an extended visit with Mrs. Martha Lynn and Mrs. Liggett.

O. W. Powers, operator for the Missouri Pacific at Weeping Water, was calling on friends in Union last Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Kunkel attended the Oteo County Ministerial Union at the Christian church in Nebraska City Monday.

Mrs. Herman Comer is visiting relatives in and near Kansas City, Co. She is expected to return home next Saturday.

Doctor Kunkel, Mrs. Kunkel and Carolyn and J. H. Snodgrass and family were guests of Rev. Kunkel and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ray Frans were in Plattsmouth Friday of last week, where they were visiting friends and looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Withrow of Palmyra were calling on the H. E. Withrow family last Thursday afternoon, coming over via Nebraska City.

Mrs. Ralph Opp and daughter Margaret and Mildred made their usual trip to Nebraska City Saturday where the daughters are taking piano lessons.

Jack Roddy, the realtor, left last Friday for Wisconsin, where he will visit with friends and look after some business matters demanding his attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss McCarrroll were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Garrison Sunday, where they enjoyed a fine dinner and a pleasant visit together.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoback, daughter, Marjorie and sons, Donald and Ivan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor. A chicken dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. John Finkle who was in a hospital at Beatrice, has been removed to the home of relatives there and expects soon to be able to return to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoback and sons, Donald and Ivan were calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elva Hatchell Monday evening, the 16th. A good time was had.

The Ivan Dalfour family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. A. L. Boyd at the C. C. West home at Dunbar where eighteen relatives spent a most enjoyable day together.

Abraham Lincoln Becker was called to Omaha on Monday to look after some business matters for the day, being accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Mary.

Some of the pupils of Dist. 24 took part in the singing of carols contest held at the Memorial building in Nebraska City Saturday. Dist. No. 1 secured second place in the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Withrow, of Palmyra, where they are engaged in the publishing of a newspaper, were visitors in Union last Friday, at the home of their son, Elmer, and family.

George A. Stites has been having a tussle with a severe cold and although he is a good fighter, he says the cold very nearly knocked him out. However, he is still in the running.

Mrs. James Niday received a message telling her of the death of her sister, Mrs. Thille Carey of St. Joseph, Mo., on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Niday left Monday to attend the funeral at that place.

Paul Davis took his mother, Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Mary Davis and Mrs. Clara James to Omaha Monday where they visited with Katherine Davis briefly, and attended to some business with the oculist.

Misses Hazel Griffin and Dorothy Clarke were in Nebraska City last Sunday afternoon and evening, be-

Holiday Cheer

We greatly appreciate the kindness of our many friends and of their continued patronage and are taking this means of expressing our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you!

H. W. GRIFFIN, Union

ing guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Osborn, who are uncle and aunt of the former.

Grandfather Chapman, who is near 90 years of age, and who is now at the home of his son, County Commissioner E. B. Chapman, suffered from a mild attack of flu last week, but is again in his usual health.

The Union telephone exchange has a very prettily decorated Christmas tree in the window of the building, where it can be seen by passers-by, advising the world that the Christmas season is really at hand.

Mrs. John Lidgett and Mrs. W. A. Taylor attended the banquet given by Home Chapter 189, O. E. S., at Plattsmouth, last Friday, going over with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Easter and son. They report a grand time.

Fred Rea, district manager of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company's offices in Plattsmouth, was in Union last Friday consulting with Elmer Withrow, the local manager, in regard to company business.

The friends of Mrs. Talitha Smith will learn with regret that she is not recovering from her recent serious illness as rapidly as they had hoped, but is still under the care of her physician with a nurse in attendance.

About 34 teams drove in to the field of Thomas Turner who has been ill for some time and husked out a field of 55 acres of corn on Monday. Dinner was served the men at the Olney Easter home by a number of neighbor ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris entertained the members of the Harris family, brothers, sisters and children, about twenty-four in all at dinner on Sunday, when all enjoyed a fine dinner and delightful afternoon of social conversation.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shiber and small daughter of Murray were calling as the Lee Faris home Monday afternoon. They have purchased the Faris farm and will move there in the spring. Mr. Faris moves to the George Hathaway place a half mile east, which he bought some time ago.

James Fitzpatrick and E. E. Leech were in Plattsmouth last Sunday, going over to call on Rex Young, as they were interested in the purchase of a team of horses and felt sure that with his sale crying experience he would be able to aid them in locating one.

William Richter, employee of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Co., was down from Plattsmouth Monday to look after remedying some trouble with the electric service. Before his arrival, however, the local people were able to get matters straightened out.

Frank and Anna Bauer were enjoying a visit last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schroeder, of near Ashland. They drove over and enjoyed the trip and the day very much. Frank says the wheat was looking fine, but the corn crop is not nearly as good as around Union.

Mabel Reynolds, Marilyn Hoback, Frank Anderson and several others who were employed in the Banning orchard last fall were called to Lincoln one day last week to examine some of the apples in storage, taking dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Banning and Hollis at the Banning apartment while there.

A. L. Becker and son, H. H. Becker, were at Chapman and Grand Island last Friday, where they transacted some business matters connected with the farm which the former owns in the vicinity of Chapman. Henry says the wheat crop is looking fine out that way, but the corn crop has been very poor.

Mrs. Clara Davis who has been suffering from diabetes for some time, and confined to her bed for the past six months, was pleased to have a visit from her friend, Mrs. Edith Bridges of Chicago who came down from Genoa where her husband was engaged in some construction work, to spend the week end with her, before their return to Chicago.

Mrs. Etta Bryan and family of Omaha came down Sunday for the day, taking Mrs. W. M. Barritt home with them, from which place Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Barritt are expecting soon to leave for Arizona and California to spend the winter. Mrs. Barritt with her son, Dr. John Barritt at Oatman, Ariz., and Mrs. Bryan with a daughter in California.

Death of Baby Daughter.

Eleanore Caroline Shipley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lloyd Shipley, born Nov. 3, 1935. Passed away December 16, 1935, at the home of her parents, five miles northeast

of Union, aged 1 month, 13 days. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and one sister. A service at the grave was held Tuesday, December 17th at 2 p. m., East Union cemetery in charge of W. A. Taylor.

Celebrate Wedding Anniversary.
The 48th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mougay was quietly celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mougay at the farm on December 8th when the members of the two families met in celebration of that important event.

The hostess had prepared a delicious dinner which with the reminiscences of years gone by, made the day one of pleasurable recollections.

Methodist Church Notes.
B. N. Kunkel, pastor

For the week ending December 22, UNION

Church school, 10:00 a. m. Lee Faris, supt.

No preaching service in the morning. The next morning worship will be December 29th.

Evening worship at 7:30. Our district superintendent, Dr. M. E. Gilbert will be present to preach. There will be a session of the quarterly conference and a church meeting after the preaching service.

The Sunday school will give a Christmas program Christmas eve.

The women of the Ladies' Aid are busy practicing for their play which will be given in the church in the near future.

WYOMING
Church school at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. Harvey Barkhurst, supt.

Morning worship at 11. The Sunday school will give a Christmas program Monday night, December 23rd.

Obituary.
Melissa, a daughter of John and Nancy Klaurens, was born August 5, 1864 on the home farm four miles northeast of Union.

She was united in marriage with John Clarence at Plattsmouth, Nebraska August 5, 1891. To them four children were born, Roy, who died in infancy; Loy, Victor and Esther. They moved to Panama, Nebraska in 1897 and returned to Union in 1906.

In early life Mrs. Clarence gave her heart to God and united with the United Brethren church.

She had been in poor health for some time. Her condition became acute several weeks ago. All that science and love could do was done. She passed away at the farm where she was born Monday morning, December 9, 1935 at the age of 71 years, 4 months and 4 days.

She leaves to revere her memory her husband, her two sons, her daughter, Mrs. Roy Younker; her aged mother, Mrs. Nancy Klaurens; her sister, Mrs. Edgar Fletcher, all of Union, Nebraska; and five brothers, Grant and Henry of Goldendale, Washington; Bert of Norfolk, Nebraska; Lonnie and Johnnie of Bloomfield, Nebraska; several grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church in Union in charge of the pastor, Rev. B. N. Kunkel.

The music was furnished by a quartette composed of Mrs. Louis Mougay, Miss Augusta Robb and Charles Whitworth and Phil Rihw with Mrs. Todd at the piano and Mr. Fassebender accompanied by Miss Robb. The quartet sang "We Are Passing Down the Valley," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mr. Fassebender sang, "The Virgin Mother."

The pallbearers were Ray and Roy Becker, Loy Pell, Roy Dye, Otto Ehler and Jay Austin.
Burial was made in the East Union cemetery.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to express to the many kind friends and neighbors our undying appreciation of the many acts of kindness during the last illness and the sympathy extended at the death of our wife, mother and grandmother. Also we wish to thank those who assisted in the funeral services and aided in making our loss less difficult to bear.—John Clarence and Family.

Annual Roll Call, A. R. C.
Dec. 17, 1935.

Alvo, 24; Avoca, 25; Cedar Creek 2; Eagle 1; Elmwood 12; Greenwood 7; Louisville 110; Murdock 21; Murray 16; Mynard 23; Manley 22; Nehawka 51, Plattsmouth 82; South Bend, no report to date; Union 57; Wabash 3; Weeping Water 87. Total 522 with contributions reported \$8.75.

Post offices in the county reported 100 percent. Plattsmouth 12; Weeping Water 4; Union 4; Avoca 2; Alvo 2; Murdock 2; Six reported 1 and 5 no report.

Alvo, Avoca, Elmwood, Mynard, Nehawka, Plattsmouth and Union

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show an increase over last year with Plattsmouth leading with 26 over Union 20.

The 1934 membership was 600, the 1935 membership 522. A reduction of 78. This may have been due to the splendid response during the Republican Valley disaster when Cass county folk gave generously, and could not give at this time.—C. Augusta Robb, chairman roll call, Cass county chapter.

Birth of Fine Son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Srb at the Immanuel hospital a fine son. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Mrs. Srb was formerly Pauline Smith.

Social Circle Club.
The Social Circle club met at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Rose Kendall and daughter, Rachel with Mrs. David Kendall assistant hostess. The lesson this month is "How to Serve Xmas Tea Correctly," a very inspiring lesson. The rooms were decorated with Xmas decorations of all kinds which brought on the Xmas spirit in all its beauty. The table was beautiful with its lace cloth and four tall candles and a miniature Xmas tree in the center. Dainty refreshments of tea, coffee and tea cakes were served.

A table with a Christmas tree for a centerpiece was laden with packages which contained little gifts for Mrs. Vance H. She surely was pleased that the members of the club had remembered her so lovingly.

At a late hour everyone departed thanking the leaders and Mrs. Kendall and two daughters for a lovely afternoon.

The next meeting will be January 28th at the Community Center. Every member is to invite their husbands and all bring a covered dish or two.

Holding Services in Town Again.
Rev. G. O. Baker, the evangelist, who has been conducting evangelistic services in Union and also at Sciota during the past few weeks, has moved his meeting to town and is holding them at the Becker hall, where he is conducting a revival each evening at 7:30, as well as services at Sciota on Sundays and Bible school at the hall on Sundays. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy the services.

Nicely Decorated Store.
The store rooms of the enterprising firm of Rhin & Greene looks its part as a headquarters for Christmas goods, both in provisions to help make the holiday meal a grand success and in the more substantial gift items for young and old. This firm has made preparations for Christmas in a big way considering the size of the town, and are deserving of much of the patronage of people residing in this community.

Church Play Postponed.
The play "A Southern Cinderella," which was to have been given at the Methodist church on December 27th has been postponed to a date not yet determined, because of a change in the personnel of the play. Watch for the date in a later issue of this paper.

Mrs. Rhuman Improving.
The many friends of Mrs. Henry Rhuman are pleased to learn of her continued improvement, although it may be some time before she will be able to be up again. Mr. Rhuman, too, is somewhat indisposed, requiring medical aid, which complicates condition in the home. Mrs. Lila Reynolds is still caring for the home and her parents.

Getting More Corn.
Two trucks belonging to the Leach Transfer company of Adams were in Union last Monday getting two loads of corn for feeders residing in that locality. They secured their grain on the farms of Charles Garrison and Otto Ehlers and were well pleased with the quality of the corn.

Did a Very Fine Act.
The people of Union and vicinity have their heart in the right place, as was evidenced on Monday of this week when a large group of men got together and husked and cribbed the

entire corn crop of Tom Turner, who has been sick for more than a month and was just recently able to return home from the hospital. A total of 93 friends of Mr. Turner responded to the call and with 38 wagons they made the corn fly during the forenoon, getting it all in the crib. It was a very fine act, and everyone who had a part in it is worthy of the greatest commendation.

Mrs. Mathilda Casey Dies.
Mrs. Mathilda Casey a half sister of A. J. Eaton, who formerly resided here for many years and is well known to a large number of people here, died at her home in St. Joseph, Mo., last Sunday. Mesdames J. C. Niday, Albert Hathaway and Lennie Crawford went to St. Joseph to attend the funeral.

In New Home This Week.
The new home which C. E. Morris has been having Joe Bauer construct for him is nearing completion and is so far along that they will be able to move into it the latter part of this week. This makes it very nice, as they will be able to enjoy Christmas in the new house, and nothing in the world could make a finer Christmas gift than a new, modern home like the one they are getting.

Won from Greenwood Hoopsters.
The basketball teams of the Union schools, first and second, went over to Greenwood Friday evening of last week, where they met like teams of the Greenwood schools. The Union boys took both games. The score of the preliminary between the second teams was 13 to 9, while the first team from here won, 25 to 10.

They played at Murdock Tuesday night and will meet the fast Avoca teams Friday night.

Will Have Christmas Treat.
The Methodists have committees in the field concluding arrangements for a Christmas party, which is to be held at the church just before Christmas. Treats will be provided for all the small children who come and a pleasant program will be rendered.