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Presbyterian Ladies Hold Fine Christmas Party

Fine Program Offered and Carols Enjoyed by the Ladies—Book Review Part of Program.

The Woman's Federation of the Presbyterian church held a most delightful Christmas party in the Fellowship room of the church on Wednesday afternoon. The room was cheerfully decorated with lighted trees and other Christmas features. The singing of Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Reeder put everyone in a Christmas spirit. Mrs. L. O. Minor, chairman of the program called upon Mrs. H. G. McClusky, who in a few well chosen words, presented Mrs. J. R. Pierson of Auburn in a review of "Spring Came on Forever," by Mrs. Aldrich.

This review was delightfully given by Mrs. Pierson. It is a story that grips Mrs. Pierson and it well in hand and held the closest attention of her many listeners. A ladies' quartet composed of Mesdames J. R. Reeder, Carl Keil, L. O. Minor and Miss Miriam Tritsch was heard in the beautiful carol, "The Star in the Sky."

At the conclusion of this enjoyable program the guests were invited to the prettily arranged tables where the hostesses of the afternoon served delicious refreshments, so appropriate to the Christmas time. Mrs. J. D. Cross and Mrs. Mary Allison of Union accompanied Mrs. Pierson to this meeting.

SCHOOL CELEBRATES

The St. John's parochial school held a very pleasant program and Christmas treat Friday afternoon at the church for the scholars.

The program was given by the younger students of the school in a series of readings and songs that all appreciated to the utmost and was received with the greatest of enthusiasm by the audience.

Santa Claus arrived on the scene to present the treat of candy, oranges and a popcorn ball to the students while he also announced the presents that had been brought to be exchanged by the school body.

A large number of the parents were in attendance, and Father George Agius, pastor of St. John's church joined in the pleasant treat.

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Ladies Toggery

Alvo News

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hardnock, Mrs. Ellis Mickle and Orval Gerbeling spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Orval Gerbeling and baby at the Lincoln General hospital.

Approximately \$25 were cleared by Mrs. Elmer West's group of the Ladies' Aid society of the Alvo church for the serving of the lunch for John Deere day Tuesday noon.

John Skinner has hauled fourteen truck loads of coal from the Clarinda coal mines in Iowa this season. From this report it looks as though the people of this vicinity are well prepared for colder winter days.

Junior Kinney is the proud possessor of the greased pig that was given away at the White Elephant sale in Alvo Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ingwersen of Scottsbluff were supper and over night guests at the S. C. Hardnock home Thursday. They had been to Nebraska City with a truck load of potatoes and were returning home with a truck load of apples.

Edwin Taylor and family were let out of quarantine Tuesday morning after being in for over three weeks for scarlet fever. Mrs. Taylor, Ruby and Luella Anna were the members of the family unfortunate to the extent of having a siege of the malady.

Supt. and Mrs. L. M. Hauptman plan to spend Christmas day as well as part of Christmas vacation with Mrs. Hauptman's parents of Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lash. Part of their vacation will be spent visiting with Supt. Hauptman's folks at Avoca.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skinner and Jack are making plans to auto to Fullerton Tuesday where they plan on spending Christmas with Mrs. Skinner's mother and sister. John will return home probably Thursday but Mrs. Skinner and Jack will remain for a longer visit.

Here From New York for Xmas.
Ronald McKenzie who is attending and teaching at the Columbia University of New York is expected home Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. McKenzie of Alvo.

Christmas Tree on Town Square.
The members of the town board are responsible for the beautiful Christmas tree that was erected and decorated a few days ago. Dick Elliott furnished the tree.

Covered Dish Luncheon.
The Alvo Reading club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Coatsman Thursday afternoon for a covered dish luncheon at one o'clock.

After a bounteous meal all present enjoyed a fine program that was in the nature of a Christmas party planned by Mrs. Charles Edwards, Mrs. Minnie Peterson and Mrs. Stuve.

The enjoyment of the afternoon was fittingly climaxed with an exchange of Christmas gifts.

New Primary Teacher Selected.
Miss Olive Maxin of Lincoln was elected to the position as first and second grade teacher of the Alvo consolidated school, who will take up her duties here following Christmas vacation.

The present teacher, Miss Eileen Green, left school here to be married during the holidays to Ernest Gorr of Dunbar where the couple will be at home soon after their marriage Christmas day.

School Children Enjoy Xmas Parties.
The school children and the teachers of the Alvo school enjoyed a pleasant afternoon Friday, during which time each room was the scene of a very merry Christmas party. Each room had a beautifully decorated Christmas tree which held gifts for all, as there had been an exchange of names.

After a very merry time and the close of school all departed for their homes to enjoy a week's vacation.

Entertained W. C. T. U.
Mrs. W. C. Timblia was hostess to the members of the W. C. T. U. Wednesday afternoon. Only seven members were present. The regular meeting day was Tuesday, but had been postponed until Wednesday because many of the members were assisting with the moon lunch served by the Aid Society for the guests attending John Deere day.

Honored at Shower.
Miss Thekla Weichel was honored at a miscellaneous shower, Tuesday afternoon at the local church given through the courtesy of Mrs. Martin Nickel, Mrs. Harold Nickel and Mrs. Albert Bornemeier. The lovely affair was carried out as a Christmas party. Miss Weichel

received many beautiful as well as useful gifts for her new home as she expects to be married soon after Christmas.

Late in the afternoon delicious refreshments were served which also were in keeping with the yuletide spirit after which the large crowd of guests departed after bestowing best wishes and congratulations on the bride-to-be.

Hold White Elephant Sale.
The White Elephant sale held on the town square Saturday afternoon, netted the Men's Brotherhood something in the neighborhood of \$150.

Furniture, machinery and many other articles were donated to the local organization and were disposed of by public auction.

The members of the committee in charge appreciate very much the help and assistance of the people of the community as well as the splendid help of Harry Williams of Elmwood who gave his time Saturday afternoon to help dispose of these articles.

Entertains Royal Neighbors.
The members of the local Royal Neighbors of America enjoyed the delightful hospitality of Mrs. August Johnson Wednesday afternoon.

After a pleasant afternoon a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Bride of Holiday Season.
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Green of Dunbar, have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Eileen to Ernest E. Gorr of Dunbar.

These young folks plan to be married on Christmas day at the home of the bride.

Miss Green has been teacher of the first and second grades in the Alvo consolidated school for one and a half terms. Mr. Gorr was principal and coach in the Alvo school two years before going to Dunbar last fall where he now holds a similar position.

Both Miss Green and Mr. Gorr are held in high esteem by their many Alvo friends who join in wishing them many years of happiness.

Arrival of Daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Gerbeling are the proud parents of a five pound daughter, born at the Lincoln General hospital, Monday, December 16. The little Miss has been named Gwendolyn Anna. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

John Deere Day Tuesday.
Men of the community attended the annual John Deere day given through the courtesy of J. B. Elliott Jr., hardware and implement dealer of Alvo Tuesday of last week.

The meeting was largely attended and enjoyed as well as the free good time lunch served by a group of the Aid Society in the church basement.

The afternoon was given over to two instructive as well as entertaining talkie movies, "Mr. Sheppard and Son," and "New Ideas! New Methods! New Economics!"

Christmas Program.
The P. T. A. members held their regular meeting Wednesday evening, December 18 at the high school auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. L. M. Hauptman. It was decided that the P. T. A. would sponsor library work this term and that the organization would give a home talent play later in the winter to raise funds for this project.

The entertainment of the evening was a school program appropriate for the holiday season, given by the grades and dramatic club.

The refreshment committee assisted by several other ladies of the organizations furnished pop corn balls for the entire crowd attending the fine program.

Rose Beth Clarke Dies.
Miss Rose Beth Clarke, coming 19 January, 1936, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clarke of Alvo was taken with a severe attack of appendicitis, was taken to the University hospital at Omaha, where she underwent an operation and since has been convalescing, being built up for an operation for removal of her tonsils which had been giving her much trouble of late. On last Friday evening it was decided to perform the operation and when one of the tonsils had been removed the patient swooned away and with the best treatment it was not possible to restore the patient to consciousness again, she dying after a few hours.

The funeral and burial was held at the Alvo cemetery today (Monday). The services were conducted by the Rev. R. J. McKenzie, pastor of the M. E. church. A fuller account will be had in a later issue of this paper.

See the goods you buy. Catalog descriptions are flowery enough, but how about the goods when you get them?

Tells of Telephone Experience in Early Years

Lincoln Telephone News Has Interesting Story of Improvements and Early Independent Days.

The current issue of the Lincoln Telephone News has a very interesting story of the recent improvement program of the telephone company as well as the early days of the independents in the telephone field. The story follows:

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company recently completed the removal of a pole line that, for many years, has occupied the east side of Sixth street in Plattsmouth. As a part of an improvement program designed to fit in with the city's desire to repave and otherwise modernize this important thoroughfare, the company re-routed and rebuilt its trunk lines leading into the Plattsmouth exchange. The new lines were placed on Seventh street.

The removal of the pole line stirred the memories of the older generation of Plattsmouth residents, several of whom were active in establishing the Plattsmouth Telephone Company—one of the early independents. Mr. T. H. Pollock, retired banker, was one of the most prominent of these. He devoted almost all of his time, in the '90's, to the establishment of the independent company in Cass county. These were the days when this form of enterprise offered considerable excitement in a competitive way.

The Telephone News editor accompanied General Plant Superintendent M. T. Caster to Plattsmouth early in December, for the purpose of interviewing this sturdy veteran of pioneer telephone days.

Early Conflicts Revealed.
Mr. Pollock vividly recalled incidents connected with the placing of the pole line just removed. Rivalry between the Nebraska Telephone Company and the infant Plattsmouth organization for the possession of Sixth street was intense, to put it mildly. Mr. Pollock recalls that Superintendent Storrs came out from Omaha with the avowed intention of keeping the local company from constructing the line. Mr. Pollock's men were in the act of raising a huge pole when Mr. Storrs threw himself upon it and straddled it about 25 feet from the butt—thinking the gang would not dare to raise it. Mr. Pollock gave the "go ahead" sign, and Mr. Storrs suffered a bad fall, being injured to such an extent that he required help to reach his hotel.

A sample of what would be known today as a "fast one," was also related. The Nebraska Telephone Company's principal pole line ran the length of Main street. A number of the businessmen along this street, some of them, possibly, partisans of the Plattsmouth Company, objected to poles in front of their places of business. They declared their intention to force the line into the alley south of Main street.

Harry Wheeler, who recently retired from the position of construction superintendent of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company, was then employed as a gang foreman by the Nebraska Telephone organization. He was sent to Plattsmouth with instructions to make the alley proposition extremely distasteful. Mr. Wheeler hauled out the biggest poles he could find in the pole yard—and unloaded them in the alley. He then dug a series of enormous holes—about eight feet across. The poles and the holes effectively blocked the alley, and soon the merchants were begging that the entire idea be forgotten! The poles on Main street remained in place about ten years longer!

Mr. Pollock, a genial and accommodating gentleman, is an interesting and salty veteran of an era in the telephone business that has permanently passed, and he relates his recollections with considerable gusto. The Lincoln Company acquired the property of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company in 1912.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Mrs. Louis Ward Egenberger was hostess Thursday evening to the members of the Dealt-a-Deck bridge club, of which she is a member. The members were entertained at a 6:30 dinner as a most appropriate prelude to the evening of cards. The dining room was artistically arranged in a color scheme of white, blue and silver, making a beautiful setting for the fine repast provided. Covers were laid for ten.

In the bridge games Mrs. John B. Livingston was the winner of high score. Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman of the second and Mrs. William G. Kieck the consolation.

In serving the hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Louise Bauer.

VISITS IN THE CITY

From Thursday's Daily
Roy Vickers, who is engaged in farming near Nehawka, was in the city for a short time having some dental work looked after as well as visiting with old friends. He was a member of Co. C, 126th machine gun battalion of the 34th division in which a number of Plattsmouth men were also members. While here he was able to meet many of the old time comrades.

NOTICE

In conformity with Plattsmouth city ordinance the undersigned liquor stores will be closed all day Christmas, Wednesday, December 25th.

Open Tuesday night till 11 o'clock with complete stocks of fine Wines and Liquors for the holidays at prices as low as like quality can be bought for anywhere. Before buying, get your home town dealer's prices... and be satisfied!

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Wabash News

Guy Hinds has been assisting with the picking of the corn crop at the home of M. V. Woods. They were expecting to complete the work by the end of last week.

A. J. Weideman, who has been in Wabash looking after the grading of seed corn for the Ray Frederick Seed company, completed his work here early last week and returned to his home at Greenwood.

Mrs. W. S. Murfin received the sad news that her sister, Mrs. Orville Nordl was seriously ill at her home northwest of Murdock. Mrs. Murfin was over to see the sister and to render what aid she could.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gerbeling are rejoicing over the arrival of a very fine young daughter who came to make her home with them on Monday of last week. The mother and daughter are doing nicely and the father is very happy as is also Grandfather H. H. Gerbeling.

William Rueter, who had some very fine young horses just coming to the age where they should be broken and put to work, lost two of them last week from the corn stalk disease. They had been turned into the stalls for pasture. The loss comes heavy on Mr. Rueter, who had raised them from suckling colts to the age where they might be of some use to him, and then have to lose them.

Ladies Aid Society Meets

On Wednesday of last week the Ladies Aid Society of the Wabash church was meeting at the home of Mrs. Hobart Hanson and the time of meeting coming so near the Christmas season, they had Christmas decorations and turned the gathering into a Christmas party. An excellent time was had by all those who were present. The ladies enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at one o'clock.

Married in Iowa

Lloyd Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Richards, of Wabash, and Miss Edie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moore of Weeping Water, slipped away last Saturday, going to Sidney, Iowa, where they were united in marriage, telephoning greetings to the folks here and at Weeping Water and advising them they would be home the next day. Lloyd accepted a position working

for the Burlington railroad at South Bend on Monday and they will make their home at that place.

Writes from Ohio

William F. Langhorst, who recently left for his old home at New Bremen, Ohio, where he is visiting for the present and will remain for some time, writes to friends here stating that on his way there he encountered a snow storm in Indiana, that looked for a time like it might turn into an old fashioned blizzard, but lasted only a short time. Since then, the weather has been very fine in that part of the country. He is visiting at the home of his brother, Edward Langhorst, while there, and enjoying the time immensely.

Enjoying Christmas Party

The Wabash school, with the teacher and students, as well as the members of the district are enjoying a Christmas party with an excellent program and also with the distribution of treats and gifts for the scholars and perhaps for some others. The schools have closed for the Christmas vacation.

Grand Prairie Club

The Grand Prairie club met at the home of Mrs. Ferd Brunkow. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Wendt the latter part of January. A good time was enjoyed by all.—Reporter.

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

The First Methodist church in this city is arranging for their annual candle lighting services which are held at the church on Christmas day at 5 o'clock. This short service is most impressive and beautiful and the glow of the many candles serves as the only illumination of the church. The public is cordially invited to be in attendance at this service.

WESTERN SHERIFF HERE

From Saturday's Daily: Sheriff H. Bechtel, of Perkins county, arrived here last evening and was accompanied by James Mrasek, of Grant, they stopping for an overnight visit here with the Joseph Mrasek family. Sheriff Bechtel on his return to the west took with him Frank Martis, against whom a charge has been filed at Grant.

Gunman's Widow Escapes Prison



Mrs. Helen Gillis, 22, widow of "Baby Face" Nelson, notorious gangster slain by G-men in Chicago, escaped a prison sentence when she was placed on probation for a year after being convicted in San Francisco court on charges of harboring a federal fugitive, her husband.