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WPA and RRA Records Lost in Nebr. City Fire

Offices of Mike Kerns, WPA Employment and Jean Spangler, Rural Rehabilitation, Fire Swept.

In the complete destruction of the Marcus hotel at Nebraska City, early Wednesday morning, there was swept away records of many of federal and county work and relief offices.

The offices were located in the section of the building where the fire originated and it was impossible to save anything of the materials or records that were stored there. The gutting of the fire will make necessary for all of the various activities and their employes to start from the beginning in compiling new records and getting lined up on the work.

The WPA office had dispatched the payroll for the week of February 9 to Lincoln last Sunday and this escaped the destruction of the fire. All other records that cover the 250 men in Otoe and 100 in Cass county are destroyed. Mike Kerns, supervisor of the district, is preparing to start in to again compile his records on the projects and the men employed.

Jean Spangler, of this city, in charge of the rural rehabilitation office, also is officeless and also with the office has gone his records, covering many months of hard work and investigations and to replace which will take much time.

All of the Otoe county relief activities records and materials, including the product of the sewing center and all of its new supplies were lost.

Wall board partitions had been used in making the various offices and these burned like paper in the force of the fire and made the saving of anything from the offices impossible.

INSTALL OFFICERS

The Woodmen Circle held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of the secretary, Marie E. Kaufmann. Despite the wintry weather a pleasing group of members were in attendance. The officers installed for the ensuing year are as follows:

Mrs. Max Fitzmayer, guardian; Mrs. Rozina Ripple, advisor; Mrs. Ida Cotner, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Hartwick, banker; Marie E. Kaufmann, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Buttery, attendant; Mrs. Lizzie Kelley, inner sentinel; Marie E. Kaufmann, junior supervisor; Mrs. Mary Kruger, Mrs. Mary Mumma, Mrs. Ernestine Jahrig, managers.

The members were all so proud to have with them Mrs. Lizzie Kelley, past 76 years of age. She is the oldest member in years as well as membership. After the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting, the second Tuesday afternoon in March, will be at the home of Mrs. Ida Cotner, 623 South 6th street.

HORSES ARE POPULAR

With the heavy snow and almost impassable roads in this section, the horse, discarded in favor of the auto, has come back into his own. Farmers who have been able to break a road from their farms to this city, are largely traveling via team and sled and a few with wagons where the snow is less heavily drifted. Even with the teams and sleds it is necessary in a large number of cases to cut through fields where sections of the road are buried so deep that travel is out of the question.

Several were in from just west of the city and taking the Cedar Creek road in were compelled a large part of the time to follow the fields as a road rather than the snowy road.

DRAWS DOWN FINE

Wednesday afternoon in the court of Judge Charles L. Graves, Harry Newman was arraigned on the charge of having disturbed the peace at one of the local taverns against the peace and dignity of the people of the state of Nebraska. The defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was given a fine of \$10 and costs. The sentence of the court was that this should be worked out on the streets.

SPEAKS AT WAHOO

From Thursday's Daily

R. Foster Patterson, of the history department of Tarkio college, Tarkio, Missouri, was in the city today, en route home from Wahoo, Nebraska. Mr. Patterson was the speaker last evening at Wahoo at the American Legion banquet to mark Lincoln's birthday. Mr. Patterson took as his subject, the life of the great civil war president and gave a fine and instructive review of the life and time of Lincoln and his impress on the American nation today.

Country Home Burns to Ground This Morning

Residence North of City Occupied by Charles Tassler Family Burns Overheated Chimney.

From Thursday's Daily

Fire this morning at 10 o'clock burned to the ground the residence occupied by the Charles Tassler family, two miles north of the city near highway No. 75.

The fire was discovered by Ray Misner, manager of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., who was passing on the highway at the time, who rushed to the house and sounded the alarm. The fire was spreading rapidly, but it was possible to get the greater part of the furniture from the home.

The Plattsmouth fire department responded to do what was possible, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building, which was burned to the ground.

The house was what is known as the Monte Straight residence, the owner now living at Oakland, California.

The cause of the fire apparently was that of an overheated chimney as the first traces of the fire seen were on the roof near the chimney.

DIES AT WASHINGTON

Judge W. C. Parriott, for many years a prominent attorney of Auburn and Lincoln, died suddenly Thursday at Washington, where he has been serving in the federal housing administration under the Roosevelt administration.

The deceased was a brother of Mrs. W. H. Rainey and Grover Parriott of this city and was known to a large circle of friends in southeastern Nebraska. Mr. Parriott was born at Auburn, June 13, 1876, son of William and Margaret Parriott and lived his earlier years in Nemaha county. He was married to Bessie Tynon of Stella, who with one son, Tynon Parriott, of Kansas City, survive his passing. The deceased was one of a family of nine children, two brothers, Edward and Joseph have preceded him in death. The surviving brothers and sisters are Frank, Peru; Lee, Denver; John, Dawson, Grover, Plattsmouth; Mrs. W. H. Rainey, Plattsmouth and Mrs. C. T. Edwards, Elmwood.

HAVE FINE MEETING

The Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian church held a pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis Lohnes on Tuesday evening.

The lesson was under the leadership of Mrs. Lohnes and was entitled "Clouds of Promise in Africa." Devotions were most inspirational as given by Mrs. Bertha Shopp. A fine article "The Upper Meaning," was the worship theme.

A short business session ensued. Various suggestions of interest to the organization were made.

A pleasant social period was enjoyed. The serving of delicious refreshments by Miss Susie Simonton brought the evening to a close.

At the next meeting the election of officers will be held. The place of meeting to be announced later.

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Ira Earl Harris, son of Mr. Robert W. Harris of 932 Cass street, Plattsmouth, was one of nine young men enlisted in the United States Navy at the Navy Recruiting Station, Omaha, on February 13th. He was immediately transferred to the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California, for recruit training.

Platters will Compete in Fremont Tourney

Local Quintet With Nebraska City to Take Part in New District Basketball Meet.

With no class A basketball tourney scheduled for the southeastern district of Nebraska, the teams in this section of the state are being assigned to meets which will be most convenient in distance and classification for the respective schools.

Plattsmouth high, which has competed in the southeastern district for many years, will this year go to Fremont together with Nebraska City from this section of the state.

Other teams that have been assigned to the Fremont meet are Ashland, Blair, Columbus, David City, Fremont, Schuyler, Wahoo.

Plattsmouth has won from Nebraska City and Ashland and have yet to meet Blair and Wahoo in their closing games of the season at this place.

There are seventy-seven teams in the class A assignments and 179 in class B to play at the various points over the state. The district meet is from March 4 to March 7 inclusive and the state tournament Lincoln, March 11 to 14.

Auburn, Falls City, Pawnee City, and Tecumseh, of the southeastern conference will enter the Beatrice tourney, where they will find Crete, Fairbury and Beatrice as tough contenders.

ESTIMATES OLD AGE NEED

Director Tolson of the state assistance committee said the demand for old age assistance blanks has been so great that the original order of 25 thousand is about exhausted and he has ordered another 10 thousand printed. Douglas county has sent in an estimate for a prospective 3,450 persons eligible to old age assistance. At an average of \$18 per month the county estimates it will need \$62,100. Pierce county estimates 67 persons at \$22.30 a month and asks for \$1,541. Cuming county asked for \$1,950 to give 122 persons \$15 a month.

Tolson said Omaha civic organizations are co-operating to speed certification there in the hope at least 2,000 aged needy can be taken off relief rolls immediately.

Tolson said he has received many letters from aged people who do not seem to understand that the assistance or pension as some call it is only for aged persons in need. It is important he said that people know they cannot qualify for payments unless they can prove they need help. The maximum pension is \$30 a month but the average is expected to be about \$20. Needy persons over 65 are eligible. Persons having an income of more than \$350 a year are barred from old age assistance. Applications after being passed upon by county committees are forwarded to the state committee for approval and must lie there ten days pending the filing of an appeal from the county board's decision. Tolson said this waiting period would not slow down release of funds because ten days time will be needed for checking county board findings.

SCHOOL BONDS CARRY

County Superintendent Miss Alpha C. Peterson has received the notification from E. H. Armstrong, president of the board of education of school district No. 36, informing her the result of the bond election.

This district comprises the village of Greenwood and the question submitted was that of voting for the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of addition and improvement of the school building in Greenwood. The bonds carried by 138 for and 31 against.

FIFTY FILE APPLICATIONS

Paul Vandervoort, county assistance director, has signed up and completed fifty applications under the new old age pension law, all of the applicants being from this city and immediate vicinity. The bad weather conditions has prevented the director from visiting other sections of the county as planned, but as soon as travel is possible he will announce the dates that he will be at the different towns to take applications.

HAS BONE OPERATION

Mrs. Mathilde Ramsel, who is at the Nicholas Senn hospital at Omaha, recovering from the effects of a broken ankle, underwent a small operation this week. Several portions of bone were removed from the ankle and a silver plate inserted and which it is hoped will facilitate the healing and permit her more rapid use of the ankle.

FOUND IT TOUGH GOING

Like others who have to travel the roads over the county, the county correspondent of the Journal was handicapped by roads being blocked, and was unable to make on date all the towns which had been allotted to him, and was able to get over but a portion of his territory. Not being able to get to Elmwood on the accustomed date which has been his practice, was in town last Saturday with the hope that he might make Wabash, Murdock and Manley, but found the roads north of Elmwood impassable and was compelled to return via the "O" street road, so we are not able to have news from Wabash, Murdock and Manley in this issue.

Assistance Director to Pay Visit to Greenwood

Paul Vandervoort to Make Visit to West Cass County Town February 20th and 21st.

Applicants for old age assistance living in Greenwood or vicinity may go to the office of Dr. N. D. Talcott, on Thursday and Friday, February 20 and 21, when Paul Vandervoort, county assistance director, will be present to take applications, having just completed arrangements for office space there.

As fast as office space can be arranged for in other towns in the county, the director will go to other towns and villages to take applications. The director is now in correspondence with persons living in each town, in the effort to line up a temporary office.

Due to the great volume of work required, it will be some time before every applicant in the county can be registered, and the necessary office work and investigation after applications are received may result in some delay in arrival of checks to those granted assistance.

For this reason applicants who have not yet had opportunity to register, or who have registered and are awaiting action on their applications, are asked to be as patient as possible. Cass county's assistance committee is acquainted with the needs of these aged persons, and are working hard to get the money to accepted applicants as soon as possible.

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ATTEND SAFETY MEETING

From Thursday's Daily
Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester, were at Lincoln today where they were called to attend the meeting of the various officers of the state. The meeting is called by Governor Roy Cochran to discuss the campaign for safety on the highways of the state and representatives from all sections are invited to attend the meeting and take part in the discussions. There will be an address by the governor and others interested in the highway safety meeting.

VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodbury and daughter, of Nebraska City, were here Wednesday to spend a short time as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ptak, old time friends.

Funeral of Mrs. Stoner is Held Thursday

Number of Old Friends From Omaha and Glenwood Here for Services at Sattler Funeral Home.

The funeral of Mrs. Belle Stoner was held Thursday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home where a large number of the old friends of many years standing had gathered to pay their last tributes of esteem. There was a large number of friends and associates present from Glenwood, where Mrs. Stoner had resided for the past few years.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, had charge of the service and in his short sermon brought much comfort from the teachings of the scriptures and the promise of the life to come when earth's burdens are laid aside.

Frank A. Cloidt gave "In the Garden," and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, "No Night There," during the services to add to the beauty of the last rites. Mrs. J. M. Roberts was the accompanist for both numbers.

Following the service the cortege proceeded to Oak Hill cemetery where the interment was held. The road to the cemetery was opened Thursday by the efforts of a large group of the WPA workers and made possible the cortege to reach there.

The pall bearers were W. C. Soenichsen, B. A. Rosencrans, E. A. Warf, F. P. Busch, E. H. Schulhof and Frank Smith.

All of the members of the family were here for the service, the eldest daughter, Mrs. Edith Romero, arriving Thursday morning from her home at Long Beach.

Those here from Glenwood were Mrs. Gertrude Gambler, Mrs. Ethel Morrow, Mrs. Anna Carlson, Mrs. McKown, Mrs. Ethel Shook, Mr. Webb. The Omaha friends who were here were Joseph Manacek, James Manacek, Mrs. Mary Manacek, Mrs. Anna Smith, Mrs. Mary Walthers, Mrs. Maude Hansen, William Reinch.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Three more counties filed requests for old age pensions funds with the state assistance committee and Sherman county's proposed average monthly pension, \$12.30, became the lowest suggested by any county to date, also more than a dozen have made known their plans.

Sherman county proposes to pay 200 old age pensions. It asks a total of \$2,536 monthly to pay the pensions and take care of administrative costs. Dundy county listed 40 pensions, averaging \$15 monthly and asked \$618. Platte county proposes to pay 350 pensions, averaging \$16.83 monthly, and asked for \$6,033.

The state committee has received from Furnas county three completed applications for old age assistance, from Adams county three and from Fillmore county six. Sioux county has asked the state committee for \$900 state relief funds.

VALENTINE PARTY

Some of the eighth grade girls gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Reed Thursday night as guests of their daughter, Aileen. Valentines were exchanged and games played. Some played ping pong and some danced. At a suitable hour refreshments were served, assisted by Rachel Wright and Aileen Reed.

Those present were Dorothy Will, Wilma Swatek, Rachel Wright, Shirley Petersen, Phyllis Redd, Corrine Drucker, Helene Parker, Helen Hiatt, Charlotte Cotner, Jean Quernette, Shirley Mason, Maxine Graves, Georgia Carey, Aileen, Betty Fae, Mary Ellen and Florence Reed.

SCHOOL CAUCUS

The call has been issued for the annual caucus of the voters of school district No. 1, Cass county, which will be held at the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, February 20th. This caucus will select four candidates to be voted on at the election on Tuesday, April 7th. There will be two elected at the spring election.

The retiring members of the board of education are Dr. P. T. Heineman and R. W. Knorr.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

The members of the Cole family here have received the announcement of the birth of a fine six and a half pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Cole, Bruje, Nebraska. The little one was born at the hospital at Ogallala, Nebraska, on February 9th, and with the mother is reported as doing nicely. Mr. Cole is a former resident here, a son of Mrs. S. O. Cole of near this city, and the many friends here will be pleased to learn of the new arrival, the first son in the family.

Masons Receive Fifty Year Medals at Masonic Home

Three Honored in Ceremony of Presentation by W. A. Robertson, Grand Senior Warden.

Friday at the Nebraska Masonic Home, three of the residents were presented with the medal commemorating their half century of membership in the fraternity of Masonry. The presentation was made by William A. Robertson, grand senior warden, of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, as a part of the program. Frank A. Cloidt and Raymond C. Cook each gave a vocal solo and a duet.

Mr. Robertson very impressively presented the medals to Bruce E. Jolis, Ashlur lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island; Stewart W. Lee, Rawalt lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M., Oxford and William J. Sears, Creighton lodge No. 100, A. F. & A. M. of Creighton.

The Masonic Home has a large number of members who have received the fifty year medal and one, Albert E. Baker, Oliver lodge No. 38, A. F. & A. M. Seward, who also has the distinction of possessing the Jordan gold medal, given to the longest time Mason in the state. Mr. Baker, who is now in his ninety-third year, has been a member of the Masonic order for seventy years.

Other members of the Home who have the fifty year medal are as follows:

Philip Sauter, St. Johns lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M. Omaha; John F. Twanley, St. Johns lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M. Omaha; Charles B. Page, Mt. Moriah lodge No. 57, A. F. & A. M., Syracuse; Nathaniel Sutherland, Tecumseh lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., Tecumseh; Charles Slattery, Lincoln lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., Lincoln; Chalkley J. Cooper, DeWitt lodge No. 111, A. F. & A. M. DeWitt; John W. Farrand, Eminence lodge No. 223, A. F. & A. M., Giltner; Charles M. Headrick, Tecumseh lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., Tecumseh; Murry K. Holley, Unity lodge No. 163, A. F. & A. M., Greenwood; George Rhoden, Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Plattsmouth; Edgar M. Jenkins, Alexandria lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., Alexandria; Louis J. Taylor, Frank Welch lodge No. 75, A. F. & A. H., Sidney.

ENTERTAINS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. John P. Sattler, Jr., was hostess at a most charming Valentine day 1 o'clock bridge luncheon Friday afternoon, at her home in the south part of the city. The table was arranged in the form of a large heart and the decorations were in keeping with Valentine day, forming a very attractive setting for the pleasant afternoon that followed. The ladies enjoyed bridge and in which Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., was winner of the high score. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were Mrs. Carl Kell, Mrs. Carl Ofc, Mrs. Hill Martin, Mrs. Carl Schneider, Mrs. L. E. McKissick, Mrs. L. S. Devoe, Mrs. L. S. Pucelik, Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., Mrs. R. Foster Patterson, Tarkio, Mo., guest of honor, and the hostess, Mrs. Sattler.

FIGHT SNOW TO AID SICK

Residents of the vicinity of the Joseph Bierl home have been battling the snow to open the roadway to the Bierl farm to permit the passing of an ambulance. Mrs. Bierl being ill and ordered to the hospital for treatment. The road has been cleared with the exception of one mile of very bad road and which it is hoped to have open and permitting the removal of Mrs. Bierl.

Grace Louise Wiles to Represent P.H.S. in Contest

Will Be Entered in Ruth Bryan Owen Good Citizenship Contest, Sponsored by the D. A. R.

At the meeting of Montenele chapter D. A. R. Tuesday evening there was presented the names of the three girls in the senior class of Plattsmouth high school, who were selected by the vote of the class to represent all the requirements of the Ruth Bryan Owen Good Citizenship Pictogram Contest. The three whose names were selected by majority vote were Grace Louise Wiles, 1st; Kathryn Armstrong, 2nd and Viva Palmer, 3rd.

The members of the D. A. R. committee decided to accept the decision of the class and therefore selected Miss Grace Louise Wiles to attend the state conference of the society held in Grand Island, March 18, 19, 20, under the supervision of the regent, Mrs. Frank W. Baker.

The winner at the state conference is entitled to a trip to Washington, D. C., accompanied by the state regent or other delegate to the national meeting of the D. A. R. known as the Continental Congress, which formally opens April 20th.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will bear expenses of transportation from the home city to the winner direct to Washington, D. C., and return; expenses of hotel rooms, meals, and transportation on the selected sight-seeing tours planned, for the number of days specifically named in the plan as offered by the D. A. R. The winner will also be formally presented to the audience of about four thousand members, U. S. senators and representatives from all the states, and other distinguished guests assembled in the D. A. R. Auditorium for the opening session of the Continental Congress, and presented with a D. A. R. Good Citizenship medal.

The girls voted on by the class were selected with the following qualifications as a basis:

1. Dependability, punctuality, truthfulness, loyalty and self-control.
2. Service, cooperation, courtesy, and respect for proper authority and the rights of others.
3. Leadership, imagination, command of good will and respect of others, and ability to lead.
4. Patriotism: interest and pride in family, school, community and nation. Willingness to sacrifice self for them. Willingness to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America.
5. It is understood that the candidate must make creditable grades in studies.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for some Nebraska girl to see our national capital and get a firsthand view of the operation of our national government. We sincerely hope that it may be the good fortune of Grace Louise to win the honor of representing our state.

ATTEND OMAHA MEETING

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Anderson of this city, were at Omaha Thursday evening to attend the meeting addressed by Dr. Kagawa, noted Japanese Christian leader. The meeting was at the Paramount theatre which was crowded to its capacity. The speaker, one of the great Christian workers of the world, gave a fine address and which was very instructive and inspirational to the audience.

RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Robert Gray, who has been at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, recuperating from an operation for appendicitis, has so far recovered that she is able to return home. If the weather and road conditions improve it is hoped to have her brought home this afternoon.

MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

The F. E. Warren family, who have been residing in a house on west Vine street, are moving to the R. B. Hayes property on South Fifth street. The new home is located on Park Hill and much more convenient for all of the family as it is nearer the business section.