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Weeping Water Visited by Many People Sunday

Residents From All Sections of Eastern Nebraska Visit Scene of Fire—Loss Set at \$85,000.

Sunday the city of Weeping Water was visited by hundreds of the residents of eastern Nebraska, coming to see the effects of the fire that had swept away the greater part of one of the business blocks, early Saturday morning.

The estimates made by Mayor O. C. Hinds was that the loss on buildings and their contents would reach in the neighborhood of \$85,000, of this about half being covered by insurance.

The community suffered an added blow when in checking up the fire loss it was discovered that the city had had their instruments stored in one of the buildings that was swept away in the fire. The instruments like all of the stocks in the fire doctored buildings, were destroyed and at a heavy loss.

The Lincoln Telephone company was establishing a temporary exchange in the city council chamber and hoped to have the service back today for the local people and their long distance lines.

Mayor Hinds estimated the losses to the various business establishments as follows:

C. H. Finley grocery store, \$900 smoke damage.

Clara Johnson cafe, \$6,000.

Lincoln Telephone Co. exchange, \$17,000.

Building housing the telephone exchange and Johnson cafe, owned by the Berry estate, \$4,500.

William Joyce Electric Co., \$8,000.

Crozier insurance office and I. Gibson Thurston, beauty parlor, combined loss, \$25,000.

Elmer Michelson Variety store, \$10,000.

Loss to building owned by Troy L. Davis, \$10,000.

H. S. Shields, dry cleaning company, smoke loss, \$500.

The damage to buildings across the street from the heat was estimated at about \$1,000.

FUNERAL OF MARY ANN HADRABA THIS MORNING

From Monday's Daily—

This morning the funeral of Mary Ann Hadraba was held at the Holy Rosary church in the west part of the city, where a large congregation of the relatives and friends gathered to pay their last tributes.

Father J. R. Sinkula, pastor of the church, celebrated the requiem high mass and brought the last offices of the church to the departed and the comfort of the scripture to the bereaved family.

The interment was at the cemetery west of the city beside the mother who had preceded her in death several years ago. The pall bearers were former schoolmates, Tom Krisky, Robert Slavicek, Ernest Rea, Joseph Case, Bernard Knoflicek, Ernest Zitka.

Those from out of the city to attend the services were: Robert Hadraba, a brother, of Sherman, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Muzik, Mr. and Mrs. John Janda, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muzik, all of Des Moines, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hlavac, Mrs. Albert Janda, Lawrence, Nebraska; Mrs. Frank Skalka, Hastings, Nebraska.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

From Monday's Daily—

The information has reached here of the appointment of Frank Godwin, of this city, to the superintendency of schools at Fernley, Nevada, a very fine advancement in school work and which will be learned with pleasure by the many friends here.

Mr. Godwin was retained as athletic coach and teacher at the commencement of the school year and has now been named as the school head.

VISIT IN COUNTY

County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner and daughter, Dorothy Jean, with Mrs. W. G. Kieck and children were at Weeping Water and Elmwood Sunday. They stopped at Weeping Water to view the fire damage and then on to Elmwood where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orrest Cook and family, the latter a sister of Mr. Turner.

RE-ELECT OFFICERS

The officers of the Nebraska Masonic Home association were re-elected Monday at the stockholders meeting at the Masonic temple in Omaha.

The officers selected were: Millard M. Robertson, Omaha, president; William A. Robertson, Plattsmouth, first vice-president; Frank H. Woodland, Omaha, second vice-president; Jesse Whitmore, Valley, third vice-president; Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, secretary; new trustees are J. Carl Thompson, Omaha; Harvey V. Stever, Lincoln and Kenneth H. Beckell, Omaha.

Funeral of E. B. Chapman is Held Saturday

Services at the Baptist Church at Union Brings Many From All Parts of County.

The funeral of E. B. Chapman, county commissioner, was held Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church at Union, it being one of the largest that has been held in that city.

The services were at the Baptist church, Rev. W. A. Taylor, old friend of the family, with Rev. L. F. Booher, Methodist pastor, gave the sermon and scripture lessons. The pastors paid high tribute to the old friend and faithful public servant that had been called to the last rest.

During the services a quartet composed of Ray Frans, John Whitworth, Mrs. Louis Mougney and Miss Augusta Robb gave two of the loved hymns, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Some-time We'll Understand." Mr. Frans gave a solo, "A Perfect Day" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

The interment was at the East Union cemetery, the pall bearers being old friends and neighbors, Arthur Pearsley, Charles Garrison, John Hansel, Joe Banning, Frank Bauer, Frank Anderson.

The Cass county officials were present at the services as a tribute to their colleagues.

HAVE ANNIVERSARIES

From Wednesday's Daily—

Tuesday and today were very important dates in the family of Attorney and Mrs. John M. Leyda. Tuesday being their fiftieth wedding anniversary and today the seventy-fifth anniversary of Mr. Leyda.

Mr. Leyda was born near Ashville, Ohio, on January 26, 1863, while the country was in the throes of a great civil war and while yet the ultimate outcome was in doubt.

He spent his youth in that state and in 1881 came to Nebraska, landing at Plattsmouth and later going on to Weeping Water, where he studied law. In 1888 he came to this city as deputy register of deeds and has since made his home here and engaged in abstracting and the practice of law.

HAVE PLEASANT GATHERING

The first "sing" was held Tuesday evening at the Recreation Center, under the sponsorship of the music committee of the Plattsmouth Woman's club. The extreme cold wind served to keep many away, especially the children.

All who were in attendance joined in the entertainment by songs, dancing or other specialties.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday at the Center with Mrs. L. S. Devoe as the leader.

TO URGE BAND UNIFORMS

A committee composed of E. H. Schulhof, E. A. Wurl and Rev. G. A. Pahl, have volunteered to take up the matter of securing uniforms for the Plattsmouth Recreational band. This committee will take up with the various organizations the matter of assisting in the securing of uniforms and what means should be used in raising the funds.

PLATE SUPPER AND PROGRAM

Given for the benefit of the Rock Bluffs cemetery. To be held Friday, January 28th at 8 p. m. at the Rock Bluffs school. The public invited.

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Bank Host to Farmers of the Community

260 Gather at American Legion Building to Spend Evening of Pleasure, Enjoy Program.

One of the largest banquet parties that has been held in the city was that staged Monday night at the American Legion building when the Plattsmouth State bank was host to some 260 farmers of this section of Cass county.

The meeting was for the purpose of getting together and to learn from the speakers a part of the common problem that confronts the residents of the nation regardless of occupation or business interest.

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary had charge of the banquet and served a very appetizing and much enjoyed supper, the menu being:

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Whole Corn - Slaw
Buttered Rolls - Apple Pie
Coffee

The ladies did the serving speedily and the large party were soon served after being seated. Table decorations were cars of corn.

During the banquet the high school orchestra under the direction of Lee Meyers, gave a very fine program of standard and popular numbers that was very much enjoyed, the young people demonstrating their skill and careful training. The boy's quartet, composed of Richard Cole, Theodore Libershal, John Jacobs and Dick Hall, gave a very fine vocal number setting to the program, Miss Flora Belle Meade, being the accompanist.

Welcomes Guests

Mr. H. A. Schneider, president of the bank, in opening the program of the evening stated that these meetings were to develop closer relationship between the banks and their customers and this was one of the first to be held in the state. There was nothing to sell but merely the desire to gather together and discuss common problems. It was to the interest of everyone that the farmer make money as from their success depended that of banks and all business.

It was to foster the common interest and the co-operation that these meetings were planned.

Raymond C. Cook gave a very delightful vocal offering, "Bells From the Sea," with Mrs. Roy O. Cole as the accompanist.

The main speaker of the evening was Prof. Howard Gramlich of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture where he has an important place in the live stock department.

Address of Prof. Gramlich

Mr. Gramlich touched on the fact that Nebraska is a comparatively new state as was shown in a survey where still many early residents were to be found, an uncle of the speaker at 86, was living and the first white child born in Sappy county.

The speaker in his address stressed the need for a diversified crop planting program in the state of Nebraska and the study of the best methods of combating drought or dry weather with crops that could withstand better the heat plague. He pointed out that the planting and acreages of the state had changed greatly in the past years. In 1907 corn occupied three-quarters of the acreage of Cass county, in 1900 practically all wheat raised was spring wheat, now large areas of winter wheat is being raised.

The weather reports had showed in the past that the state would have from two to six years of subnormal condition as to moisture and then a period of from ten to fifteen years of normal weather and the abundant crops from the rainfall. The variation of the weather was shown in the past year when Iowa had received rain and had almost a regular corn crop, while Nebraska, with an estimate of 180,000,000 bushels of corn on July 1st, had shrunk to 60,000,000 at maturity.

Mr. Gramlich had his talk filled with many humorous stories and incidents that kept the audience in a roar of laughter as he added these stories to the hard facts that he was driving home.

The use of silage was pointed out by the speaker as one of the necessities of the time in providing insurance against the adverse climatic conditions. The silage has a relatively low sale price and presents a limited opportunity for disposal, giving the livestock man a more dependable feed supply in periods of adverse weather if he has built around the use of a silo.

The value of sorghums as one of the drought combating feeds was pointed out by the speaker in his talk, that their use would give the farmer a crop that could stand the dry months much better than corn and provide a good feed for cattle in forage storage.

The stock on the farm was one of the high spots of the talk as the speaker urged more hogs on Nebraska farmers where in recent years the percentage has fallen far below that of other years and with a diversified crop program feed could be secured that would make possible building back the Nebraska hog on the farm.

The raising of sheep in sections of the state was also urged as a part of making a better success of the farm. Mr. Gramlich also urged that the raising of horses on the farm be encouraged as in recent years the horse on the farm had largely been supplanted by machinery. More poultry was also stressed for the farm as a part of the plan to help increase the farm income, stocks having been depleted in recent years.

Mr. Gramlich at the conclusion of his remarks was given a very enthusiastic greeting by the well pleased audience and the speaker concluded with a very clever finale of a most interesting address.

The Mynard quartet, composed of Raymond Cook, Arthur Hill, Charles Howard, Edward Howard, gave two delightful numbers with Mrs. Roy Cole at the piano.

Leading Bankers Talk

Mr. Schneider then presented the distinguished guests from the banking world of Nebraska, Chas. Saunders of Omaha, W. B. Hughes, secretary of the Nebraska Bankers association, who extended brief words of greeting.

"Al" Jorgensen, of Sidney, Nebraska, president of the State Bankers association, was presented for a short talk and which was much enjoyed. Mr. Jorgensen interspersed his more serious thoughts with clever stories at the expense of his associates in the banking business.

Mr. Jorgensen stressed the common interest of the banker and farmer as parts of the community, how the success of the one depended on the other, a good prosperous farming area bringing success to a bank while a live and good bank helped the farmer and all of the community.

For the banker Mr. Jorgensen asked that he be given consideration, that attacks merely because of the occupation as a banker should be regarded only from its source and mere political attacks made on the banking business be disregarded.

The closing speaker, or rather that of story teller was Francis J. McDermott of Omaha, one of the best known bankers in this section of the state and also one of the most clever of after dinner speakers. He had a wealth of stories that brought gales of laughter as he related them in succession. Mr. McDermott made a great hit with his auditors and his wit as well as more serious thought given briefly, was a most timely completion of a very fine evening.

GREET PLATTSMOUTH SAILOR

While at Los Angeles on their vacation trip Mr. and Mrs. John Alwin had the pleasure of a visit with Oliver Taylor, Plattsmouth young man now in the naval service and who was on the battleship, "California" at the naval base at San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. Alwin were visiting Mrs. John Kuhney, Sr., an old friend and where Oliver was of visit also. They had planned to visit the battleship on sighters day but the ship was ordered out to San Francisco to the navy yard for overhauling and they were deprived of seeing the American war craft.

JOHN HIBER ILL

John Hiber, Sr., one of the long time residents of the city, is ill at his home on South 8th street. Mr. Hiber is suffering from a stomach disorder that has made necessary his remaining at home for a few days at least.

Jack Hatt is Allowed \$372.86 Compensation

State Compensation Court Makes Award in Matter of Injured Fireman—Case Long Pending.

Jack Hatt, who as a member of the Plattsmouth volunteer fire department, was injured March 10th, 1937, during a fire at the Alice Eaton property on Locust street, has received an award for injuries from the state compensation court at Lincoln.

Mr. Hatt's claim was contested on the grounds that his name had not been certified to the city council and approved and altho the city council had urged the payment of the claim the matter was withheld and the case heard before the compensation court.

The young man suffered an injury to his leg that kept him from his usual activities for some time.

The case was heard before Judge Welsh and the findings reported to the court at Lincoln where the award was made.

Mr. Hatt is awarded the sum of \$35 per week for the period of twenty-four and six-sevenths weeks and in addition the sum of \$2.50 for crutches and the amount of the bill for medical attendance. The cash award will be in the sum of \$372.86.

William Renish, of Omaha, has been very active in pressing the claim and assisting the local firemen in getting the claim before the court. Duane Swanson of Omaha represented Mr. Hatt in the hearing.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Campbell on Sunday, January 23rd, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a large group of relatives present to enjoy the occasion. One of the features of the anniversary was the dinner served at the noon hour and which provided a feast long to be remembered.

In honor of the event Mr. and Mrs. Campbell received a large number of very attractive gifts that will recall the happy anniversary in the future.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Perry Nickles, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hull, Mrs. Rosa Cogdill.

This was also the sixth birthday of their son, Arvil Campbell, who had his guests for the happy event, Robert Campbell, Harlan Conn, Robert Nickles, George, Ruth Hull, Wainneta Pearl Campbell, and Alice Campbell.

CASS CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Cass County Historical society will be held at the school building at Murdock, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The program has been arranged by the teachers of the county to discuss the local history of each district.

Superintendent E. C. Stimbort of the Nehawka schools, who has canvassed the county on the local research work done by the teachers, will give a resume of the history, assisted by Misses Lea Davis, Dorothy Yost, Elizabeth Riddle and other teachers of the county.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore, county president, will preside and A. A. McReynolds, serve as the secretary of the meeting.

DEPART ON VACATION

From Monday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Thornton departed today for their vacation trip to the south and expect to spend some thirty days in the pleasantness of the south. They are planning a trip to Texas and Louisiana and also the Gulf coast, taking in many interesting cities in that section before returning to Plattsmouth. Mr. Thornton is in charge of the local U. S. Engineers office.

Mr. P. T. Becker is at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha where she will undergo an examination and expects to have an operation performed in a short time.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

Mrs. H. P. Gansemer, who for the past year and a half has been visiting in Oregon, returned home Saturday after a most delightful time in the west. Mrs. Gansemer has been with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Gansemer at Milwaukee, a suburb of Portland. She has enjoyed the country very much and reports that the moisture there has been very plentiful and conditions excellent.

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RETURNS FROM THE WEST

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M. W. A. Holds Installation of New Officers

Fine Program Follows Installing of Officers of Cass Camp No. 332 M. W. A., Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening Cass camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, held their installation of officers at the opening meeting of the order held in the lodge rooms in the Eagles building.

Deputy State Manager O. F. Fornbloom was the installing officer and assisted by State Manager W. H. Carson, escort; Deputy State Manager C. W. West, assistant.

The officers installed were O. E. Finnerfrock, consul; Edward Kohrell, advisor; Leo Boynton, escort; Edward Gabelman, banker; Edgar Newton, watchman; Lester Gaylord, sentry and E. J. Weyrich, trustee for three years.

A very delightful program and social time followed the installation and in which a group of the talented young people participated.

Shirley Mason gave a skillful exhibition of roller skate tap dancing and Donna Paer Mason in tap dancing. Wilma Swatek favored the group with a humorous reading that was enjoyed very much by everyone in attendance. Irene LaHoda also gave a very artistic tap dance and with Miss Elva Olson as the accompanist.

The remainder of the evening was enjoyed with dancing. Glen Puls and Ray Herold furnishing the music for the event.

At the close a very much appreciated luncheon was served.

ASHLAND HAS BAD FIRE

One of the largest fires that has befallen Ashland in several years occurred on Tuesday afternoon when the Gateway Inn, located at the outskirts of the city was burned.

The pleasure resort which is operated by William Berger, is out of the fire limits and the large dance hall and tavern was burned to the ground at the loss of several thousand dollars.

The owner of the building was in Omaha at the time but volunteers were able to remove a part of the equipment in the lower part of the structure.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing to the many kind friends and neighbors our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy in the death of our loved one. We wish to thank all those taking part in the services and for the many beautiful floral tributes and to the Cass county officials for their expressions of sympathy.—Mrs. E. B. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Willis and Harold.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express in this manner to our friends and neighbors the full measure of our gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us in the illness and at the time of the death of our loved one.—Joseph F. Hadraba and family.

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all those who have remembered Frank Stones in his stay at the hospital at Omaha, for the cards, visits, and particularly to Mr. Henry Jasper for the beautiful flowers.—Mr. and Mrs. George Stones.

Elmer Hallstrom Selected as New Commissioner

Cashier of Farmers State Bank of Avoca Named to Fill Vacancy in Second District.

Late Tuesday afternoon the appointment of Elmer Hallstrom, 42, cashier of the Farmers State bank of Avoca, was made to fill the vacancy in the position of county commissioner from the second district.

The selection was made by County Clerk George R. Sayles, County Treasurer John E. Turner and County Attorney J. A. Capwell and the task was very difficult owing to the list of some fifteen very efficient men that had made application.

The naming of Mr. Hallstrom will give Avoca precinct its first commissioner and with his wide business experience and executive work Mr. Hallstrom should make a most efficient public officer and one capable of handling the county business in his district and with the other commissioners in the general business of the county.

John Elmer Hallstrom is a native of Cass county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hallstrom of this city and where he was born forty-two years ago. He grew up in this city and was graduated from the Plattsmouth city schools in 1912.

Mr. Hallstrom has been interested in banking and auditing since completing his school work, being first engaged at the Murray State bank and then locating at Avoca where he has been for the past nineteen years and has been very successful in his conduct of the bank.

He has served over a long period as a member of the board of education of Avoca and assisted in building up a very fine school system there, also serving as mayor of the village. He was chairman of the Cass county democratic committee in 1932.

Mr. Hallstrom was married in this city in 1919 to Miss Vera Propst, daughter of R. L. Propst, now of Lake Worth, Florida. They have a family of four children, Corrine, Robert, Tom and Jack.

Mr. Hallstrom will not sever his connection with the bank but has arranged that he can devote what time may be necessary in the affairs of the commissioner's office.

ROTARIANS HAVE QUIZ

On Tuesday the Rotarians had a "quiz" conducted by Fred L. Rea, of the club service committee, at the meeting in the Stewart cafe.

The members were called upon to give reviews of articles that have appeared in the "Rotarian," official magazine, in the past months, in which C. A. Rosencrans and Carl Ofe appeared the most proficient.

Frank Mullen and Emmons Ricey, new members of the club gave a very interesting review of the past month of Rotary.

Elmer Sundstrom gave a very fine talk on "Americanism" and which was one of the most interesting and sincere tributes to the principles of the American form of government that the club has enjoyed. Mr. Sundstrom, born in the old world is a fervent believer in the American form of government and the liberty that it affords the residents of the nation.

The high school boys, Robert Meisinger, senior and John Kenneth Bester, junior gave an interesting resume of their impressions of Rotary.

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Approximately 300 stockholder-members of the South Omaha Production Credit association, attended the annual meeting at the Live Stock Exchange building at Omaha.

The members re-elected Charles L. Yochum of Ashland to serve three years on the board of directors, other directors are Walter F. Gutschow of Blair, J. Emmett McArdle, Elkhorn, R. A. McWhorter, North Bend and Francis H. Hanson of Decatur.

MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The Mynard Community club will hold their regular meeting on Friday evening, January 28th at 7:30. All are welcome.