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Murray Now Has New Telephone System

Cut Over Made Wednesday as Mayor George E. Nickles Pulls the Switch at Exchange.

On Wednesday, February 9, the installation department of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company cut into service the new automatic exchange at Murray, Nebraska. This equipment, which replaces the former magneto manual equipment, permits the subscribers at Murray to dial the number they desire and provides them with the very latest type of telephone service. The equipment is of the step-by-step and is similar to that used in larger cities, notably in Lincoln. It has a capacity to serve 100 lines and is housed in the telephone company quarters formerly occupied by the manual equipment. Among other service features provided are those of absolute secret service on individual lines, emergency and general line ringing on rural lines and particularly high grade of transmission throughout the exchange.

New dial instruments were placed at all subscribers' stations. A telephone approximately 8 inches by 10 inches replaced the magneto wall instrument on rural stations—an instrument which was from 18 inches in length and 9 inches in width. The new instruments are black in finish and have appropriate dial mountings.

With the new central office equipment it is possible to continue the use of public pay-stations in Murray because of the arrangement which permits a subscriber at a public pay-station to dial any number he may desire—with the provision that before he can talk it is necessary that he deposit a coin. Special equipment makes it unnecessary for the user of one of these instruments to deposit a coin before making a call to Long Distance, Information or Repair Department at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

The equipment was installed by George Keith, Francis Darnold and Inspector C. L. Walker. Inspector Walker was in charge of the cut-over and the installation of instruments at all subscribers' stations. In this work he was assisted by Wire Chief Gray and installers Albers, Olson and Lamberson. Present when the new exchange was cut to service were Assistant Plant Superintendent Behm, District Manager McKinzie, Assistant General Traffic Superintendent Donley, Equipment Engineer Andrew and Area Manager Mispner. Murray subscribers and others interested are invited to visit the office and inspect the new equipment and see it in operation.

Mayor George E. Nickles pulled the switch to start the new system.

CARS HAVE COLLISION

Thursday afternoon cars driven by L. A. Meisinger, residing west of this city and Rev. C. Loyd Schubert, formerly of Murray and now of Benson, crashed two miles north of the Platte river bridge on highway No. 75.

Rev. Schubert, accompanied by his wife and small child were driving north as Mr. Meisinger was coming south. The highway was wet and slippery and made driving difficult and the two cars swung almost head-on into each other. They were not traveling at a high rate of speed and while the cars were damaged to a greater or less extent with smashed fenders and hood, the occupants escaped with slight injuries. Mrs. Schubert having a bruised head where she had struck the windshield.

The damaged car of Mr. Meisinger was brought here to the Chevrolet garage.

IN COLLEGE PLAY

CRETE, Feb. 10—Joe Hendrix, sophomore at Doane college is a member of the cast of "The Comedy of Errors." This Shakespearean comedy has been selected by the drama department for presentation in approximately thirty high schools during the latter part of March. Hendrix is also a member of the basketball squad in which sport he won his letter last year.

FOUR-MILE CLUB

Tuesday afternoon club met at the home of Miss Helen Hunter with Mrs. Elmer Tritsch and Mrs. Claude Mayabb associate hostesses.

The meeting was opened with the song of the month and a short business meeting. The meeting was then turned over to the project leaders. The lesson on "Patterns and Their Use," was discussed which was very interesting in regard to altering patterns. Seventeen members and five visitors were present. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses at close of meeting.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irvin Meisinger March 8th.—Club Reporter.

Chas. Renner Dies Suddenly in Heart Attack

While Working at Home in West Part of City Stricken at 9:30 and Dies Immediately.

Charles Renner, 53, a resident here for many years, died suddenly this morning at 9:30 at his home in the west part of the city, death coming as he was engaged in cutting wood a short distance from the house.

Mr. Renner had apparently been in his usual health and had gone to the yard to look after his daily tasks when a neighbor living a short distance away saw him fall and ran to the Renner home to call the wife. When medical aid arrived it was found that he had died in the space of a few seconds.

The deceased was for a number of years engaged in working in the local Burlington shops, but in recent years has not been actively engaged. He was married in this city to Miss Lillian Thlik, who survives his passing together with four brothers and four sisters, Orville, of this city, Albert of Omaha, Nelson of Rochester, Minnesota, Theodore of Ocean City, Washington, Mrs. James Ault and Mrs. Albert Stokes of this city, Mrs. Thilie Green of Halston and Mrs. Anna Richter of Bayard, Nebraska.

The funeral arrangements will be in charge of the Janda funeral home of Omaha.

CLUB HAS MEETING AND FAREWELL PARTY

The Social Worker's Flower club met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Stamp on Wednesday for an all-day meeting.

This meeting had for its purpose a two-fold program. In the morning the ladies were quilting and in the afternoon the main feature was a farewell party for two of the members, Mrs. E. B. Hutchison and Mrs. Ray Wiles who will soon leave for Iowa to make their future home.

A very clever bingo game was played by the two honored guests, letters being used instead of numbers and when the final letters were called Bingo appeared in a very appropriate poem which portrayed the regrets of the two members leaving the club and contained good wishes for their welfare in our neighbor state—Iowa. A selection of songs very appropriate were also sung. The club presented the ladies very unique gifts—being bracket shelves of solid walnut.

For this occasion Mrs. Stamp had very clever table decorations. The colors red and white were carried out in the Valentine theme. The centerpiece was a beautiful basket filled with assorted fruits and the handle tied with huge bows of red cellophane. The candles were glass in crystal holders and tied with red cellophane. Very artistic valentines at each plate as well as valentine napkins. The dishes and glass ware were all of red glass.

Mrs. Myron Wiles, Mrs. Frank Strough and Miss Velma Shrader were visitors.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. George Mumm on March 9th.

HONORS MRS. MOLAK

Mrs. Henry G. Soennichsen entertained Wednesday at a charmingly arranged three-course luncheon honoring Mrs. F. R. Molak. The dinner decorations were in the spring flowers. Bridge occupied the afternoon.

Junior High Presents a Fine Program

Large Number Attend the Offering of the Students Thursday Afternoon at School.

The junior high school Thursday afternoon presented a very fine program at the school which was presided over by Coach H. C. Hogges. The program was attended by a large number of the parents of the young people taking part and was very cleverly presented by the several groups and soloists.

Following is the program:
8th Grade Girls
"Tavern in the Town," "Serenade," "The Night Will Never Stray." Accompanist, Dorothea Duxbury. Reading—Elizabeth Wiles. Clarinet Solo—Juanita Sigler. "Gold Mine in the Sky." Barbara Lamphear, Betty Gayer, Betty Wilson, Elizabeth Wiles, Maxine Graves, Mary Ann Winscot, Willa Sylvester, Ruth Lawson.

7th Grade Girls
"The Goose Girl," "No, Is My Answer," "Kakawak," "Growing in My Garden is a Hazel Tree." Accompanist, Mary Jean Hatt. Dance—Dollie Richardson. Piano Trio—Joan Tickotter, Donna Seiver, Katherine Conis. Greek Song—Katherine Conis. Guitar Solo—Shirley Price.

8th Grade Boys
Piano Solo—Wilbur Claus. Trumpet Solo—Sanford Short. Piano Solo—Cary Marshall. Mouth Harp—Billy Hula, Jim Quinnett. Trumpet Solo—Don Martin. Accordion—John Soennichsen. Piano Solo—Ralph Hill. Mountainers—Gerald Blunt, Jim Quinnett, Wilmer Covert.

Chorus, "Scissors Grinder," "Madeline." Accompanist, Shirley Seiver. Mouth Harp Solo—Joe Highfield. 7th Grade Boys
Piano Solo—Kenneth White. Trumpet Solo—George Jacobs. Trombone Solo—Joe McMaken. Vocal Solo—Sterling Hopkins. Trumpet Solo—Ray Evers. Mouth Harp—Alvin Rakow. Duet—Kenneth White, Geo. Jacobs. Chorus, "Glendy Burke," "Ah, Lovely Meadows," "Chisholf Trail." Accompanist, Flora Belle Meade.

GIVEN A SURPRISE

Last Friday evening just as Percy Wheeler was finishing his evening work a number of friends came driving in with plenty of good things to eat to help him do justice in celebrating his birthday, and a complete surprise it was.

The evening was very pleasantly spent playing games. At a late hour refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ramre, son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ramre, Mr. and Mrs. Guy White, Annie Lee and Phoebe, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger and Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henton and Oliver, Dale, Harry, Betty and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melvin, Walter and Alice Fern, Mrs. Sue Strickland and Edward, Mrs. Bintner, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mead, Evelyn, Lois and Flora Belle, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Young, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Creamer, Mrs. Georgia Creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson and Charlene, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, Edward Wehrlein, E. Morris, of Union, Joe Karas, Helen Karas. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Halter and son, Jerry and Mrs. Latisa Denson, Lincoln.

VISITS AT NEHAWKA

William A. Robertson, grand master of Nebraska Masons, with William F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, was at Nehawka Wednesday evening to visit Nehawka lodge No. 246 A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Robertson was making his official visit to the lodge and Mr. Evers gave a very interesting talk and showing of the pictures of the Masonic Home in this city.

REBEKAH KENSINGTON

From Thursday's Daily—The Rebekah Kensington met last night with Miss Fern Jahrig, with Miss Mildred Hall as co-hostess. Valentine games were played, and prizes won by Mrs. Fred Mumm and Miss Marie Kaufmann. Miss Kaufmann played a guitar and sang and yodeled Swiss songs. Miss Jahrig and Miss Hall also sang.

HARVEY EGGEING INJURED

Word has been received from Harvey Eggeing, Plattsmouth young man, serving in the U. S. navy, who is just recovering from a severe injury. He was injured some time ago when visiting in Los Angeles, being knocked down by a car and suffered severe injuries that have kept him in the hospital.

The members of the family and friends had not heard from him for some time and it was thought that he was out on a cruise with the battle fleet and the letters received today was the first telling of the accident. He is doing very well now and out of danger.

Mr. Eggeing is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lillie of this city.

Auto Wreck Victims Doing Very Nicely

Charles Howard Will Be at Hospital for Some Time—Others Show Favorable Gains.

Members of the auto party injured Wednesday night in the wreck near the Tidball Lumber Co. office, seem to be doing very well altho all are feeling the effects of the injuries received.

Charles Howard, the most severely injured, will be at the Methodist hospital for some time as his pelvic bone has suffered four fractures and the broken jaw bone as well as cuts and severe bruising makes it very painful. He has stood the ordeal in fine shape and will be confined to his bed while the broken bones are knitting.

Clifford Tunnell, it was found Thursday afternoon, has suffered the fracture of three ribs, torn loose from the back bone and is confined to his home.

The other members of the party are sore and suffer a great deal from the effect of their injuries but none are thought serious and they are able to look after their usual activities.

SYRACUSE DOCTOR CHARGED

Charges of performing an illegal operation that resulted in the death of Dolores Dennis, 20, of Elmwood, were filed Thursday at Nebraska City against Dr. W. E. Hillis, prominent Syracuse physician.

The complaint was filed by County Attorney Edwin Moran of Otoe county, after a coroner's jury had returned a verdict after only thirty-five minutes deliberation. The jury found that Miss Dennis died from peritonitis, following an illegal operation, and held that her death was the result of "felonious action." The complaint charges that Dr. Hillis "did unlawfully and feloniously" perform the operation.

The physician was linked with the death by a statement made by the girl on her admission to a Lincoln hospital where she later died. The statement signed and witnessed by a notary was read to the jury.

Dr. Hillis, who is well known in Nebraska and Kansas, is the manager of the Syracuse Bluebirds, three times girl softball champions.

The funeral of Dolores Dennis was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Christian church at Elmwood.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. W. H. Puls returned home this morning from Hollywood, California, where she has been spending the past six weeks at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Socher.

Mrs. Puls had a most delightful time and reports the Socher family as being in excellent health and enjoying life in California very much. She reports that the rainy season is now prevailing along the west coast.

REMEMBER FRIEND

Louis Ward Egenberger has been ill for the past few days and on Tuesday he was remembered by his associates of the Shuffle and Deal club who took time off from their game to have the sick committee call at his home. The committee presented him with a very attractive bouquet.

Platters Take Ashland by a 37 to 25 Score

In Brilliant Last Half Attack the Locals Add Saunders County Quintet to List.

The Plattsmouth high school basketball team Friday night added the Ashland team to their list of victims and made an excellent comeback from their two recent defeats.

The opening was slow and the score at the half was tied up 16 alike and only the sharpshooting of Hayes, who also proved the high point man of the game, and Rebal kept the locals in the contest.

In the third quarter the Platters however stepped out in front as Hayes continued his attack on the enemy hoop and Wooster and Reed started to hit their scoring stride.

Hayes led with fifteen points in the blue and white scoring while Robinson, Ashland football and basketball star at the center position led his team with eleven points.

The Platters will enjoy a rest the coming week until Friday when they will attack Blair on their court.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth (37)

| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Wooster, f | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Rebal, f | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Jacobs, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hayes, c | 7 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| McCarthy, c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reed, g | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Miller, g | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 17 | 3 | 4 | 37 |

Ashland (25)

| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Vosley, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sanders, f | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Tarpening, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Atwood, f | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Harnsberger, f | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Robinson, c | 4 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Mason, c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rung, g | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Bryant, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ziegler, g | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Judy, g | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 10 | 5 | 9 | 25 |

Referee, Collins, Omaha; Time-keeper, Gaines, Ashland; Scorer, D. Armstrong, Plattsmouth.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY CONFERENCES FEB. 22

A state-wide conference of officers of Legion posts and Legion Auxiliary units is to be held at Grand Island on February 22nd, Washington's birthday. The National Commander of the Legion and National President of the Auxiliary will be present. A full day's program is arranged, including conferences of various state committees of both organizations.

In the evening a banquet will be held.

The mid-winter conference of officials started in the Legion back in January, 1921, when the first of such meetings was held in Lincoln. Later the plan was discarded for a time, but it was found that district conventions do not fulfill the purpose near like these conferences, which for the past few years have been held annually on Washington's birthday at Grand Island.

As Plattsmouth Legion post has two representatives on state committees, it is probable a car load of Legion and Legion Auxiliary officers from here will drive out for the conference.

NOT SO WELL

Claude Carter, who has been at an Omaha hospital for the past several weeks undergoing treatment as the result of injuries he received here in a fall, was reported Friday as not being so well.

Mr. Carter suffered injury in a fall from a car in the local shops and which has kept him bedfast since that time and it is probable that he will remain in the hospital for some time.

HERE TO ATTEND FUNERAL

From Friday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richter of Bayard, Nebraska, arrived this morning to remain over for the funeral services of Charles Renner, brother of Mrs. Richter. They left Bayard last night and reached here after an all night drive.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MINNIEAR

From Friday's Daily—The funeral of Mrs. W. C. Minniear was held this afternoon at the First Christian church where a large number of the old friends and neighbors gathered for their last tributes to her memory.

Rev. J. W. Tenzler, pastor of the church, conducted the services and gave a message of comfort and tribute to the useful life of the departed lady.

Mrs. Hal Garnett and Frank A. Cloidt gave three of the old hymns selected by the members of the family, "Meet Me at the Eastern Gate," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Sometime We'll Understand." Mrs. O. C. Hudson was the accompanist.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

Will Ask Vote on Farm Bureau Appropriations

Petitions Prepared to Be Circulated Over County to Have Matter Placed on Ballot.

Apparently as a climax of the series of meetings held over Cass county in recent weeks in which the farm bills proposed in congress was the target of opposition, it is now proposed to submit the appropriation for the agricultural extension work in the county to the voters.

Petitions have been prepared and are being placed in all sections of Cass county for circulation. These petitions ask that the matter of the Cass county appropriation for the support of the extension work and the county farm bureau, be placed on the ballot for the next regular election for a vote of the people.

Different expressions by those interested indicate that the petitioners have more or less resentment over alleged activities of the farm bureau in regard to federal farm legislation proposed, while others express the thought that the elimination of the appropriation would assist in cutting down expenses of the county.

The farm bureau and agricultural work has been in Cass county for the past twenty years and have embraced all lines of the extension activity in organization of club groups, aid in educational work on the matter of agriculture through the medium of the county office as Weeping Water and which service has reached large numbers of the residents of the county.

The appropriation made by Cass county this year for the assisting of maintaining the extension work has been \$2,800 and which was voted to appropriate at the last general meeting of the board of county commissioners at the request of the farm bureau officers.

VISITORS AT MASONIC LODGE

From Saturday's Daily—The conferring of the third degree on candidates last night by Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., brought out a large number of local Masons and visitors from Nebraska City and Weeping Water.

Among those from Nebraska City were A. M. Craig, Bill Conley, Ray Casebeer, Bill Rueter, Doc Carter, Ben James, Harry Lisby, Henry Schemmel, Charles Otto and Karl Hobbie.

HOLIDAY IN THE CITY

From Saturday's Daily—The passing of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, great civil war president was observed today by the closing of the offices at the court house, the closing of the bank and the usual Saturday vacation at the BREX shops.

There was no special programs given however in the city in honor of the patriotic holiday.

DR. HILLIS DENIES GUILT

Dr. W. E. Hillis, of Syracuse, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in county court at Nebraska City Friday. He was charged in a complaint with having performed an illegal operation upon Dolores Dennis, 20, of Elmwood.

He was released under a \$1,000 bond and his preliminary hearing set for Monday, February 28.

Cass County Sportsman's Club is Formed

Meeting at Public Library Largely Attended in Drive to Conserve Wildlife.

From Saturday's Daily—

At the meeting in the public library, last evening, called for the purpose of organizing a Sportsman's club, a group of thirty-five or forty sportsmen met and proceeded to form an organization. The meeting was called to order by A. L. Tidd, and W. R. Holly was elected temporary chairman, and W. H. Mason was elected temporary secretary.

After a brief discussion of the purposes and necessity for the establishment of such an organization, the following officers were elected to serve for a period of one year:

President—Milton M. Muncie.
Vice-President—Fred Lugsch.
Secretary-Treasurer—W. H. Mason

It was decided to call the club "The Cass County Sportsman's club." There was quite a good deal of enthusiasm expressed for the organization and one of the first projects, which will receive the attention of the Sportsman's club, will be to procure the establishment of a lake approximately two and a half miles in length and a quarter of a mile in width, at the foot of King's Hill. This is the location where the army engineers constructed a dam across one of the channels of the Missouri river, turning the river to the Iowa side and leaving the old channel suitable for a fine lake.

A membership committee was selected as follows: George Thune, J. F. Wolf, Dr. L. S. Pucelik, W. F. Halmes, Wm. P. O'Donnell, and Fred Lugsch. The members present, together with this committee will put on an immediate drive for memberships and they hope to have a membership of at least two hundred in the county.

The club decided to hold another meeting at the public library, on Friday, February 18, at which there will be speakers qualified to give the organization a good start. It was very apparent from the discussion that the Sportsman's club will prove an active organization for the conservation of wildlife in this area and the accomplishment of the park project at King's Hill. Every sportsman in the vicinity, as well as in the entire county is invited to the meeting to be held on Friday, February 18, at 8 p. m. at the public library.

FAINTS AT WHEEL

Thursday while Dorothea Fulton, student at the Plattsmouth high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fulton, of near Mynard, was driving home, she was slightly injured when her car overturned.

The young lady had been ill at school and started to drive out to her home, when near the Ben Wiles residence in the south part of the city, she apparently fainted at the wheel and the coupe that she was driving was turned over twice before it came to rest bottom up. All of the glass in the coupe was shattered.

Passing motorists rescued the occupant of the overturned car and she was brought on into this city and cared for at the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik. It was found that she had a sprained right wrist and had also suffered bruises.

SALE BRINGS LARGE CROWD

The attendance at the community sale at the Plattsmouth sale pavilion on Thursday afternoon was the largest that has been held since the pavilion was opened and stock, machinery and general goods were brought from the nearby territory to be sold. Many from Iowa were here with stock and also to participate in the buying. The prices were good and the result very pleasing to the owners and the management of the pavilion.

WEDNESDAY CLUB MEETS

The Wednesday club was entertained by Mrs. Henry Starkjohn with bridge as the diversion. High score was won by Mrs. Fred Lugsch and the low score by Mrs. Ray Larson.