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Junior Members Guests at Legion Auxiliary Meet'g

Forty-Four Attend Meeting at Westover Home—A Varied Program Follows Business Session

From Saturday's Daily—

Forty-four, evenly divided as to adult and Junior members, attended the March meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held last night at the home of Mrs. R. P. Westover, Mesdames Edward G. Ofe, James Rehal, Mabel Thimjahn, John Hadraba and Frank Rice were associate hostesses.

This was the first evening meeting of the current year.

At the business session, \$10 was voted to pay the expense of a party for patients at the Veterans' hospital in Lincoln in the near future; the sum of \$2.50 voted for the purchase of a book to be given the library in observance of "Book Week," with Mesdames Raymond Larson and C. A. (June) Marshall the committee to ascertain what is desired and purchase same, and an accumulated dish rental and breakage fund amounting to some \$28 ordered spent to replace and add to the dish equipment of the organization. This is the first re-order of dishes since the original purchase in 1927, and will bring the number available for complete service back up above the 200 mark—as many as were bought originally. Mrs. Adelaide Boynton, chairman of the dish and property committee, and the unit president were empowered to make the purchase.

The Rehabilitation committee, of which Mrs. Robert Cappell is chairman, reported establishing contact with the families of all hospitalized veterans, and it was suggested cards be sent to Ed Steppat and Frank Pettit at the Veterans' hospital in Lincoln.

The semi-annual county meeting at Louisville in April will be attended by a large number of the local Auxiliary members. The exact date of the meeting has not been announced.

After the business session, Mrs. Edward G. Ofe spoke briefly on our west coast fortifications, a subject that had come in for some discussion at the February meeting. She gave the members most enlightening information on the strength of the Pacific fleet and preparations that have been made to repel any invading force.

Mrs. P. Y. McPetridge, who represented the unit at the recent cancer control meeting held at the Recreational center reported briefly on what is being done in Plattsmouth along that line.

Mrs. Fred Lugsh, one of the members of the committee for the Women's Field Army organized to combat and control cancer, read an interesting article on how to detect the early symptoms of cancer and what to do. This was followed by a brief address by Dr. Westover, who told of the heavy death toll cancer is exacting in this country and gave hearty endorsement to the work of the American Society for the Control of Cancer in its drive to educate the public.

The speaking program and the Bingo party that followed it were arranged by the Program committee, composed of Mesdames P. Y. McPetridge, Eugene O. Vroman and Frank Rehal.

In the Bingo games prize winners were:

Juniors—Betty Jean Vroman, Rose Mary Steppat, Marguerite McClintock, Veda Capps, Mae Capper and Jane Rehal.

Adults—Mrs. Edward G. Ofe, Mrs. Edgar Creamer, Dr. Westover, Mrs. Elmer Webb, Mrs. Raymond Larson and Mrs. Adelaide Boynton.

Following the Bingo games, the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Vroman of the Year Book committee announced the place of April meeting at the home of Mrs. A. H. Duxbury.

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MANY ENJOY CONCERT

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening a large group of people gathered in front of Westcott's store to hear the Schroeder family play and sing. It was a family of nine with seven playing. A little girl of only three sang a song. The family was from the sandhill country and were making their living by going from town to town playing and singing. They played drums, guitars, banjo, accordion and saxophone and had learned to play them without lessons. They played at the state fair at Lincoln and over station KPAB. The group listening last night enjoyed their performance very much.

Senior Class Play Cast is Selected

"Shirt Sleeves," a Comedy Drama of Modern Plot Will Be Play—To Be Presented in April.

The senior play trials were held last week at the high school, with Miss Estelle Baird, Miss Pearl Staats and Milo Price assisting Lumir Gerner select the cast. The play this year is "Shirt Sleeves," a comedy drama with a very interesting and modern plot. It will be given in the last week of April in the high school auditorium.

Those selected are: "Franklin Rand," Ray Wooster; "Julia Rand," Eleanor Minor; "Esther," Frances Clويد; "Theodore Rand," Dick Hall; "Dianna Rand," Beatrice Arni; "Donald Rand," Robert Woest; "Kitty," I. Rosencrans; "Norman Aldrich," Richard Cole; "Clarissa Scott," Betty Voboril; "Midge Warning," Kathryn Grosshans; "Richard Crandall," Gavin Farmer; "Auctioneer," Chester Foster; "Elmer," Joy Miller; "Alpha," Pat Clويد; "Omega," Clara Seuf; "Margie Scanlon," M. Thomason; two baggagemen, Leonard Holmbeck and Ben McCary; townspeople, Dorothy Ruffner, Jane Rehal, Clara Toman, Shirley Seiver, Robert Kiser, James Iske, Dale Wohlfarth, Leonard Weiland.

Lumir Gerner will direct the play, assisted by Shirley Seiver, student director.

JARVIS E. LANCASTER FILES

From Thursday's Daily—

Jarvis E. Lancaster, member of the Plattsmouth police force, today entered the list of candidates for the democratic nomination for county sheriff, and subject to the wishes of the voters at the August primary.

Mr. Lancaster has spent the greater part of his life in Cass county, coming here from Missouri, farming, moving to Plattsmouth in January 1933 when he was appointed deputy sheriff, serving in that capacity until in April 1934, following a sensational battle here with bank bandits, he was appointed as a deputy state sheriff by Governor C. W. Bryan. He served in the deputyship until March 1, 1935 when he retired on account of the health of his wife. He made an excellent record in the deputyship and received high commendation from the state sheriff.

He was appointed to the city police force by Mayor Lushinsky two years ago and has served efficiently in that office.

SPRING ATHLETICS START

Coach H. C. Borgess will start the spring athletic program Monday with the boys out for spring football and track work. The prospects for next fall's football team will be given working out and limbering up exercises while those who are interested in track will have an opportunity of showing their wares. There are a number of very fine track prospects in the group of local athletes, who showed well last year in their workouts.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. J. Howard Davis of this city, who has just recently undergone an appendectomy at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln, has so far recovered that she is now able to be at the home of her mother in Lincoln. She will be there a few days and will probably be able to return home the first of the week.

Discovery of 'Oil Well' Causes Much Excitem't

Well of Apparently Black Virgin Oil on Farm at City Edge a Mystery for Some Time.

Friday afternoon R. T. Cathrell, who is farming on the former Wiles farm at the southwest border of the city, discovered what seemed to be an oil well in the alfalfa field in the north part of the place.

Mr. Cathrell notified H. A. Schneider, owner of the farm, of the well find, and an investigation followed. The well looked promising as a spring oil well that had suddenly started to seep its black gold from the rich Nebraska soil.

This morning Mr. Schneider invited friends to drive out to the oil fields and they too found great hope in the apparent oil spring, the sight bringing visions of many towering derricks, trains of trucks, blackened swearing oil workers all striving to bring forth more of the black gold. Several suggested getting concessions for dance halls, gambling houses and other sources of entertainment for the workers in the oil field and some of the more optimistic even suggested annexing Omaha to Plattsmouth until the Douglas county deficit was mentioned.

A can of the oil was dipped from the well and brought on into the city and was the object of great interest to callers at the bank, some even suggesting that a stock sale campaign be started at once.

All was well until the newspaper representative mentioned the well to one of the old residents here and then the beautiful vision was blotted out. A great many years ago, the old timer stated, J. C. Petersen, Sr., had owned this place and had a very fine orchard where the field where the well was found, was located. He had two large cisterns on the place and in which he placed crude oil to be used in the mud pots to keep the fruit from freezing or frosting of the blooms in the early spring. One of these cisterns had apparently broken in and the oil started to bubble out.

"DIDN'T HEAR WHISTLE," DESCRIBE McPAUL TWISTER

From Saturday's Daily—

Ernest and "Bill" Clark, who live about twelve miles south of Plattsmouth on the Nebraska side of the Missouri river, nearly opposite the town of McPaul, Iowa, were in the city today and called at the Journal office, relating their experience as eye witnesses of the cyclone that did much property damage at McPaul Tuesday afternoon.

Ernest states that he was working in the yard when he heard a noise which he describes as most nearly resembling that of a rushing freight train. But he "didn't hear a whistle" and besides the nearest railroad was several miles away. (The teacher of the McPaul school also described the noise made by the approaching twister in a similar manner.)

Ernest called to his brother that there must be a cyclone coming and in a few moments time they saw through the murky cloudiness the dark blue funnel shaped cloud crossing the river with its accompanying water spout. Crashing through the willows at the river bank it seemed to pause momentarily at the base of the large bluff not far from their home, where it ground two chicken coops into bits and wrecked a tool shed. The twister then moved over the hill, through timber land only a couple of hundred yards from the Clark home, following a draw between the hills before it vanished into the sky leaving a trail of twisted and broken trees. It traveled approximately one mile in Nebraska territory.

Both boys admit the storm came plenty close to them, and while they were too intensely interested watching it to think of seeking a place of safety, after it had passed on, they began to sense the dangerous position they had been in.

AN APPRECIATION

The Catholic ladies wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who helped to make the orphanage supper a success.

APOLOGIES TO COUNTY COMM. H. C. BACKEMEYER

The Journal is pleased to correct an error that occurred in publication of the unofficial proceedings of the county commissioners a week ago, wherein it was made to appear that the claim bill of Commissioner H. C. Backemeyer for telephone calls, stationery and stamps was \$61.21. The claim bill for these items was for \$6.21.

No one regrets more than a newspaper publisher himself the occasional error that creeps into the paper, and we are glad to correct such an error, which crept through despite the fact that commissioner proceedings are always read by copy as a special guard against errors in the figures.

Former Resident Dies at Home in Portland

William Raker, Brother of Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of This City Dies at Age of 72.

The death of William Raker, 72, a former resident of Cass county, occurred on Friday at his home in Portland, Oregon, where he has made his home for a great many years.

The announcement of the death was received here by Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans, a sister of the deceased and who last year had the pleasure of visiting him at his home in the west.

Mr. Raker was a former resident of Elmwood for a great many years and later located at Gretna, Nebraska, where he resided until going to the west coast.

While a resident of Oregon he has been very active in various community enterprises and particularly in the organization of Girl Scout organizations on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Raker was director of the Portland Campfire girls, serving for many years as chairman of the camp committee. His book on the development of Camp Namann won Portland Campfire Girls the blue ribbon at the national convention held at Lincoln last September and at which Mr. Raker was a delegate.

Mr. Raker was a noted authority on ornithology and all outdoor life and the last years of his life were spent in lecturing and showing pictures on the coast.

Mrs. Raker preceded her husband in death and of his family there is one son, Sam W. Baker, Portland and one daughter, Mary Baker of Seattle, Washington, also two sisters, Mrs. E. T. Hughes of Omaha and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of this city, and two brothers, Charles Raker of Oregon and Frank Raker of Imperial, Nebraska.

ATTEND ASSISTANCE MEETING

Paul Vandervoort, county assistance director, Greth Garnett, Leland Lasse and Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom, were in Lincoln Thursday to attend a conference of assistance workers, members of the Southeastern Nebraska Welfare association.

Charles Nowacek, formerly of this city was one of the speakers at the meeting, he being in charge of the research division.

ATTEND D. A. R. MEETING

Miss Pearl Staats, regent of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with Miss Caroline Baird, were at Nebraska City Thursday evening to attend the banquet of the state conference and the program of the night meeting. Mrs. E. H. Westcott of this city was heard on the program in a vocal selection.

VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. William Riger, and daughter, Miss Ida, of Falls City, were here Wednesday evening to visit for a few hours at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Lillie. Mrs. Riger is an aunt of Mrs. Lillie.

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation for all the thoughtful acts shown Mr. Palmer by his many friends during his long illness. They will long be remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer and family.

P. H. S. Makes a Good Record at Tourneys

Basketball, Declamation, Typing and Debate Entrants All Advance to the State Contests.

Plattsmouth has climbed back to a position of importance in the field of high school debating. In 1931 the debating trio—Bestor, Wehrlein and Miss Garnett—won one of the sixteen Nebraska debate district championships. This qualified them as one of the sixteen teams privileged to enter the state contest that year. Gerald Kvasnicka was the coach of that successful team and his removal to Lincoln allowed local interest in debate to ebb.

Last year there came into the high school faculty as History teacher, Mike Price, who was also interested in debate work, and this extra curricula activity was again resumed. Seven years from the time Plattsmouth had previously advanced to the state tournament in debating circles, last Friday and Saturday, to be exact, another Plattsmouth debate team qualified for the state high school tournament. This time there were but ten teams to be selected from all of Nebraska—the champion and the runner-up in each of five large districts. This time the team was a debating duo—Bestor, brother of the former winner, and Miss Case, with Woest as alternate.

Auburn, Aurora, Beatrice, Geneva, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth and Wymore were the teams assigned to compete in Lincoln. Plattsmouth drew the hardest qualifying schedule of the tournament, Geneva, Auburn and Beatrice. Two of these teams had to be defeated if P. H. S. were to reach the semi-finals Saturday. The two were Auburn and Beatrice.

In the semi-finals, Plattsmouth met and defeated Aurora while Lincoln defeated Geneva. This forced Coach Kvasnicka's Lincoln team to defend their last year's district championship against the rapidly improving P. H. S. team. Lincoln participated in the Saturday debate minus the help of Miss Trudelle Downer, but found a capable substitute in George Blackstone, who debated in Plattsmouth a week ago Friday. Lincoln used the best three of over one hundred Lincoln high school debate students. Plattsmouth used the best two of the four local debate students.

Lincoln won, but both Lincoln and Plattsmouth will face eight other debate teams for the state championship late in April.

Miss Case now has the good record of having started from "scratch" as a Sophomore and a debate beginner and yet, over the two year period, participated in twenty victories and no more defeats. John Bestor has been a party to the same number of victories but has been in more losing encounters. He must have learned from defeats, for the general consensus of opinion among the judges and coaches at the district tournament was that Bestor of Plattsmouth was the number one debater of the Lincoln district.

In Four State Tournaments P. H. S. has now qualified for the state tournaments in at least four different activities—basketball, typing, declamation and debate. That is a record worthy of note for any high school in towns of this size and speaks well for the quality of instructors and coaches.

SUFFERS FROM INJURIES

Reports from Des Moines, Iowa, state that Raphael Janda, formerly of this city, is suffering from very severe injuries that he sustained last Saturday in an auto wreck west of Des Moines. He has sustained five fractured ribs, a slight brain concussion and a bad laceration on the back of his head that necessitated some twelve stitches. His mother, Mrs. Josephine Janda, is still at Des Moines.

When the accident occurred it was necessary to have Raphael taken 125 miles in an ambulance to Des Moines to be treated.

COUNTY COURT NOTES

Application was made Wednesday afternoon in the court for the appointment of Mrs. Rose Friesel, as guardian of W. H. Friesel, her father-in-law of Weeping Water. W. H. Friesel, who is ninety-four years of age, is the last surviving veteran of the Civil war, in Cass county.

Edward C. Fowlkes, 67, of Hulett, Wyoming and Magie Amelia Teater, 34, of Lincoln, were married Wednesday afternoon by Judge A. H. Duxbury in his office at the court house. The wedding was witnessed by Register of Deeds Miss Lillian White and Miss Minnie Hild, deputy of the county judge.

Hunters Draw Heavy Fines for Offences

Hunting Wild Geese Out of Season and for Failure to Have the Proper Hunting Licenses.

Friday afternoon in the county court was heard the trial of complaints filed against Ben Kearns and Elmer Eaton, of near Union, charged with violation of the game laws by shooting or attempting to take wild geese out of season and also for hunting without a license.

Kearns was fined \$10 on the count of attempting to take geese and \$10 for failure to have the proper hunting license.

Eaton was fined \$20 for shooting two wild geese and also received \$15 for having been hunting without the proper license as provided by law.

The hearing was attended by the group of game wardens who have been here to probe into illegal shooting along the Missouri and Platte rivers. H. C. Mapes, state game warden was the complaining witness.

MASONIC MASTER DIES

From Saturday's Daily—

Karl F. Hobbie, 41, worshipful master of Western Star lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska City, died at the St. Mary's hospital in that city Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Hobbie has been suffering from pneumonia for the past week and in the last few days his condition had become critical.

He was one of the best known farmers of the vicinity of Nebraska City and was born on November 24, 1896 on the farm northwest of Nebraska City and where he has spent his lifetime.

He was married March 14, 1918 to Miss Louise Gittinger of Nebraska City, who with four children survives his passing. Also surviving are his parents, now living at Dunbar.

Mr. Hobbie had served as the master of Western Star lodge No. 2 for the past two months. He was also very active in the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Bethel Evangelical church of which he had long been a member.

MRS. MINOR IMPROVING

Herbert Minor, who is attending one of the large mechanical schools on the Pacific coast, has written to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pollock, and stating that he had spent the week end with his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Kate Minor at Los Angeles. Mrs. Minor suffered a heart attack on last Thursday but is now improving and resting very easily.

Herbert is greatly pleased with his school and in addition to the classroom work he has been engaged in the school machine shop department where he has an opportunity of putting his knowledge to practical purpose.

He was greatly surprised some days ago to meet Fred Fricke, a school friend here at Plattsmouth and the two of them visited Bob Hirz and the trio enjoyed a fine time together for a few hours.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fred Bourck, who has been at an Omaha hospital recovering from a recent operation, has so far recovered that she was able to be brought home. She was brought home in the Sattler ambulance and stood the trip in splendid shape.

National Wild- Life Week to Start Sunday

Movement for Restoration of the Wildlife to the Nation Finding Warm Response.

From Saturday's Daily—
National Wildlife Restoration Week will be observed throughout the United States, beginning March 20.

Wildlife Week has been launched by the General Wildlife Federation. Its purpose is to bring together all the organizations and agencies, state and national, concerned with America's outdoor resources.

It's a pretty big program. J. N. "Ding" Darling, president of the Federation, points out this first Wildlife Week is the real beginning of a much-needed movement.

Sportsmen have been active in conservation for many years. Hunting and fishing for sport are not responsible for the alarming decrease of wildlife. Such causes as drainage, pollution, forest fires, over-grazing, excessive cultivation bring disaster upon wildlife and human life alike.

Now, joining hands in the Federation, are not only sportsmen, but women's organizations, business men, farmers, boys and girls.

"The future of outdoor America," says "Ding" Darling, "is everybody's concern. Wildlife Week's chief aim is educational."

Land hunger was an important reason why the early colonists flocked to America.

The craze for cultivated lands has caused some mighty tragic blundering in this country. Millions have been spent in drainage schemes that changed vast marsh areas into sun-baked mud flats. The marshes were paying dividends, in game, fish and fur. The dry flats failed to pay, all too often, and on top of drainage bonds were piled mortgages, until ruin overtook the occupants of the man-made desert.

Much local interest is shown by lovers of nature. A. L. Tidd is chairman of our county to promote Wildlife Restoration Week. The state chairman for Nebraska is Dr. M. C. Pedersen with state offices at 1700 S. 24th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

From Thursday's Daily—

The death of Mrs. Sally L. Lloyd, 78, of 4017 Binney street, Omaha, occurred Wednesday afternoon at a convalescent home where she has been receiving treatment for the past five weeks.

She has made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Boelter, who with three grandchildren, Elizabeth, William, and Harry Boelter, survives her. Mrs. Lloyd was the widow of Harry W. Lloyd, they making their home here for a number of years in the brick residence property on west Oak street, now occupied by the Prohaska family.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Burkett chapel. The body was brought to this city for interment in the Oak Hill cemetery.

The family has made their home in Omaha for the past thirty-six years.

TOSSES HAT IN RING

From Thursday's Daily—

This afternoon H. E. Carson, of Murdock, made his filing as a candidate for the republican nomination for county sheriff at the August primaries.

Mr. Carson, who conducts an elevator at Murdock, is the first man to file for the sheriff's office on the GOP ticket, altho there are several on the democratic ticket.

The new candidate is unmarried and with his mother has resided at Murdock for the past eight years and is a gentleman known to a large circle of friends in that section of the county.

UNDERGOES APPENDECTOMY

Jimmie Webber, 4, son of Joe Webber, underwent an appendectomy operation early Wednesday morning. He is in quite serious condition as the appendix had been ruptured, but is doing as well as possible.