



Mrs. E. G. Laing entertained the Baptist choir at her home Thursday evening, after the practice, the members holding a shower for two of the members who are soon to be married, Miss Thelma Westley and Miss Alta Young. Each of the members were requested to write a recipe for each of the brides-to-be, this proving a novel and interesting amusement. After the writing of the recipes the guests held a kitchen shower, the young ladies receiving many useful presents. Refreshments were then served by the hostess. About twenty-one were present.

Mrs. M. C. Breneman and Mrs. L. A. Berry entertained at a tea Thursday afternoon at the home of the latter for Mrs. Forrest of Arizona, who is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Buckley, and Mrs. John Rubin of Denver, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Reed. The tea was served from a server which was 100 years old, and the guests were seated in chairs which were 150 years old. The guests besides the guests of honor were the Mesdames Ralph Beal, C. H. DaVee, S. H. Cole, M. W. Buckley, Roy Reed, T. A. Fowler, D. E. Purinton, A. L. Davis, P. R. Heidebrecht, B. J. Falls, W. H. LaMon, N. A. Kemmish and W. V. Beal.

A. W. Newblam left Thursday for Los Angeles, where he will make his home. He intends to enter the real estate and insurance business. His family will follow him a little later after Mr. Newblam is settled.

At the Wednesday dinner of the Alliance Rotary club, a number of visitors were present, including F. K. Harriman of Chadron, Buick dealer, C. C. Holtorf of Sterling, Burlington division superintendent; Louis Mills of Gordon, and William Zoelle and G. Van Velzen of Alliance. Mr. Zoelle was the chief speaker of the evening, and the other visitors made brief remarks. Mr. Holtorf was at one time a Burlington official at Alliance, leaving this city at the time F. W. Harris retired from the employ of the company.

The Lions club at their Thursday evening luncheon, held this week in Central school, where they were entertained by the domestic science class of the high school, had as their guests E. F. Engelhorn, F. W. Hicks and F. C. Prince.

Miss Ida V. Clark, Miss Madge Graham and Miss Vera Spencer will entertain Tuesday evening at the home of the latter in honor of Miss Thelma Westley, who will be married soon. The party will be a shower.

Miss Elsie Simpson of Alliance, who has been studying voice in Omaha, sang at one of Schmoeller & Mueller's popular free concerts recently. These are held in Schmoeller & Mueller's big big music hall. Miss Simpson is a soprano.

Mrs. A. P. Brown and Mrs. Harry E. Wells returned Wednesday evening from attending the convention of the woman's foreign missionary society at Scottsbluff, where they went as delegates from the Alliance Methodist church.

T. A. Whitehead of Hastings, from the headquarters office of the National Stores, is spending a few days in Alliance.

Editor George Snow of the Chadron Journal drove to Alliance Thursday afternoon and made the return trip this morning.

The ladies of the Christian church are giving a cafeteria lunch in the Masonic temple this afternoon, from 5 to 7:30 p. m.

Philip Tierney, who has been here visiting his sister, Mrs. Jim Cobey, for the past ten days, left for his home at Oconto, Neb., Wednesday.

Mrs. H. A. DuBuque entertained the N. W. bridge club at a seven o'clock dinner at her home Wednesday evening.

Miss Thelma Westley left today for Wheatland, Wyo., on business. She will be gone over the week-end.

Attorney E. L. Meyer returned Thursday evening from a two-day business trip in Chadron.

Supt. W. R. Pate Told Lions Club of School Problems

Superintendent W. R. Pate of the Alliance schools was the principal speaker at the Thursday dinner of the Lions club. The speaker told the Lions something of their own school system. He came here in 1910 and the school census the following year showed 1,111 pupils, 874 of whom attended the public schools. The growth has been steady and consistent since that time, the 1921 census showing 1,573 students in Alliance, of whom 1,310 attended the public schools.

The present high school building was constructed in 1910, and was built to seat 150 pupils. The enrollment for the 1910-11 term was 127 pupils. At present there are 262 pupils in the high school, with inevitable crowding. Teachers in the grades below the high school teach an average of 37 pupils, and in the high school, 23 pupils. The Alliance high school is fully accredited and its graduates are accepted without examination by all schools in the north central association.

Interesting figures on the rising cost of education the state and district per pupil were given. The average cost over the state on enrollment has risen from 26.11 per pupil in 1911-12 to 80.02 in 1920-21, and in Alliance from \$30.13 to \$56.80.

Based on average daily attendance, the average from over the state has risen from \$26.11 per pupil in 1911-12 to \$80.02 in 1920-21, and in Alliance from \$40.50 to only \$74.20.

Mr. Pate spoke of the qualifications of teachers and the necessity for maintaining the present salary schedule. Alliance salaries are fair, he said. He declared that the public school system is the salvation of a republic. He gave some figures showing that although education cost the United States \$763,000,000 a year, this sum was less than is expended yearly for cigarettes, for which 800,000,000 are expended annually; a billion dollars is spent for candy and \$2,666,000,000 for war, over four times the amount spent for education.

Upon request by Lion W. R. Harper, Mr. Pate explained how the expenses for high school athletics were paid. "Athletics are self-supporting," said the speaker. The money is taken in as receipts from the games, and an accurate account kept. Parties interested can examine the records for the past ten years, if they so desire. Only one instance occurred when assistance has been given. This was a contribution of \$150 by the school board during the past year. Every other dollar has been earned by the boys and girls themselves.

The Lions club held their meeting at the Central school building, the dinner being prepared and served by the domestic science class, under the supervision of Miss Gladys Gist, instructor.

DENVER-HILLS HIGHWAY WILL NOT COME HERE

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the probability that contracts would be let for its construction soon. They were also advised that the county is now grading a road westward from Alliance to the Kilpatrick dam, thereby providing a graded road from Alliance to connect with the twelve miles which Box Butte county proposed to

grade to the Scottsbluff county line, providing the highway was "looped" through the two Box Butte county cities.

Fear Possible Competition.

However, two reasons were advanced by the committee against the proposed loop. Some members of the committee felt that the tourist, once he reached Alliance, would be attracted by the federal highway from this city to Chadron and on to the Black Hills, thereby leaving the new highway and missing Marsland and Crawford, which are on the present route; the other objection being the additional mileage in following the loop. It was explained to them that the commissioners of Box Butte county felt that the expenditure of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 at this time for a grade north and south through the west part of the county would not be just to the taxpayers of the county and would be of no particular benefit to the rather sparsely territory which it would traverse. Therefore the proposition to loop the highway via Alliance and Hemingford in a graded road was desired.

Walter O. Barnes of Crawford, former Alliance business man and a member of the routing committee, seemed to feel that the arguments advanced for Alliance and Hemingford were worthy of acceptance, but he was outvoted in the committee, bringing in a minority report, the majority report favoring the "trail route" being accepted.

The commissioners of Box Butte county realize that a graded road connecting Scottsbluff and Alliance is needed and would be of advantage to both counties. The subject was broached to the Scottsbluff people Wednesday. If Scotts Bluff county will build a graded road to the corner of Box Butte county, our commissioners will grade a road the intervening twelve miles to the graded road which will be completed within a week or ten days from Alliance to the dam. This would give tourists who desire to travel via Alliance and Hemingford the opportunity to do so and would provide the much needed connection between the two cities. With the completion of the "missing link" on the North Star highway, between Alliance and Bridgeport, it would give Box Butte county excellent road outlets both west and south.

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