

Auxiliary Plans Memorial Rites

PAGE—The American Legion auxiliary here will sponsor memorial day services at the Page high school auditorium at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, May 30.

Rev. Clarence Hanscom, pastor of the Plainview Congregational church, will be the speaker.

There will be singing, readings and band music. Following the rites there will be ceremonies at the cemetery and decoration of graves of deceased and service men.

Other Page News

George Park drove to Norfolk Sunday to bring home Mrs. Park, who had been visiting there since Friday, and also Sherry and Mickey Stewart, who had been there since Saturday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart.

The GGG&G Pitch club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. I. O. Wood. Guests were Mesdames Allen Haynes, Evelyn Gray, Robert Gray, Melvin Held, Lester Riege and William Williamson. Mrs. Robert Gray held high score and Mrs. Otto Matschullat won traveling prize.

Mrs. A. B. McClure and daughter, Mrs. Melvin Lamason and daughter, Marilyn, and Mrs. Emma Dorr were Norfolk visitors on Sunday. Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Dorr visited Ed Stewart at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital and the group called on relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stevens, of Oakland, were calling on relatives at Page Sunday forenoon.

Jimmie Lamason went to Lincoln Saturday, where he plans to visit for several days with his grandfather, Leslie Lamason, and other relatives.

Mrs. Evelyn Gray left Saturday afternoon for Valentine where she will visit for a few days at the home of her son, Duane Gray, and family.

The Contract Bridge club met Thursday evening with Mrs. Alton Braddock, Mrs. Melvin Roach was high score winner. Mrs. Melvin Smith received the all-cut; Mrs. C. E. Walker the traveling prize.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Copes spent from Monday until Wednesday, May 12 to 14, visiting their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Woods, and family at Polk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder went to Coleridge Friday where they visited Mrs. Snyder's brother, Lloyd Henry, and wife. They helped Mr. Henry celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Harold Kelly was hostess to the Bid or Bye bridge club on Wednesday afternoon, May 14. Mrs. Melvin Carson was a visitor. Mrs. Charles Russell held high score and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg received the traveling prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Park and son, Ronnie, and Mrs. B. H. Stevens took Miss Lorna Stevens and Miss Joyce Clasey to Lincoln Sunday where they have employment at the state capitol building.

The Royal Neighbors Kensington met Wednesday afternoon, May 14, with Mrs. Jesse Kelly with 10 members present. Mrs. Elsie Cork was a guest. Mrs. Hester Edmisten and Mrs. William Buxton had charge of the entertainment. A no-host lunch was

served.

Mrs. Gailord Albright and daughter, Mrs. Robert Stevens, of O'Neill, Mrs. Neven Ickes, sr., and Mrs. George Park were Norfolk visitors Friday. While there they called on Ed Stewart at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital. Mrs. Park remained to visit her sister, Mrs. Cora West.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beelaert and family were dinner and supper guests Sunday of Mrs. Alfonz Beelaert at Ewing.

Lorna Stevens and Joyce Clasey were Friday night guests at the home of Diana Fusselman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper and Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hall were supper guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes.

Lois Miller, Joyce Clasey and Lorna Stevens were Wednesday night, May 14, guests at the home of Ruth Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Asher and son, of Fremont, motored to Norfolk Sunday where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Park and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart, Sherry and Mickey, who were at Norfolk where Mr. Stewart is a patient in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital. Mrs. Parks is the mother and Mrs. Stewart the sister of Mr. Asher.

Mrs. Leon Vesley and daughter, of Monowi, spent Sunday afternoon visiting at the home of her brother, Paul Singleton, and family and her grandmother, Mrs. Mae Lichty, who is a house guest at the home.

The following members of the Help U club motored to O'Neill Wednesday evening, May 14, where they had dinner at the Town House: Mesdames Hester Edmisten, William Buxton, Vincent Jackson, Clarence Finch, Ethel Waring, Sidney Faulhaber, Francis Boelter, Kenneth Waring, Clair Schroth, Clara King, Paul McBride, Otto Matschullat, Ed Sukup, Ora Caskey, Ralph Brookhouser and Leroy Cunningham.

The American Legion auxiliary met Friday night at the Legion hall. President Evelyn Gray conducted the business meeting. Nine members were present. For entertainment the group sang the national anthem and "When You Wear a Poppy." Mrs. R. D. Copes gave a reading concerning the veterans in the hospital making poppies. Mrs. Ray Snell presented a piano reading, "Voice of the Poppies." Saturday, May 17, was poppy day in Page. The name Ernest Heninger, was on the poppies this year. Members are to meet at the home of Mrs. R. D. Copes Monday evening to make poppy wreaths for memorial day. A lunch of cookies and coffee was served.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Thursday at the Methodist church basement for an all-day session. Mrs. Edgar Stauffer gave a review of seven chapters of the "Book of Acts" in the forenoon. A sack lunch was served at noon. The regular meeting was held during the afternoon. Mrs. Raymond Keiss led the devotions and Mrs. Emma Dorr gave the lesson. The afternoon was spent quilting and with other needlework. Hostesses were Mesdames Will Neubauer, Soren Sorensen, jr., Robert Gray and Evelyn Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart took their niece, Miss Norma Cullen, to Mead Friday where she will be employed. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were accompanied to Fremont by Roy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stewart, who were met there by another son, Ivan Stewart, of Ralston, where they went for a short visit. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart visited at the Dale Asher home at Fremont. Sunday they were guests at the Ivan Stewart home at Ralston. The first of this week they will go to Burwell to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hurst.

Returns from Denver—
Mrs. Victor Halva, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elam, and little granddaughter, Patricia Anna, in Denver, Colo., came to Omaha by train and her son, Fred, brought her to her home in O'Neill Saturday.

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State Capitol News . . .

Young Nebraskans Informally Decide to Defer Penny Gas Tax on Next Ballot

By MELVIN PAUL, Special Correspondent

LINCOLN—Whether Nebraska is to have more revenue for its highways is apparently up to the legislature now.

That became evident this week with the announcement by Charles Thone, of Lincoln, chairman of the Young Republicans of Nebraska, that officials of his group and of the Young Democrats and Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce, after a series of informal meetings, had decided to defer action on a proposal to place a one-cent a gallon gas tax increase on the general election ballot.

The plan by the coalition of young Nebraskans, exclusively reported here several weeks ago, thus left voters of the state without a direct voice in the matter of highway revenue.

The publishers of the Sidney Telegraph dropped a similar plan sometime ago, explaining, "We're in the newspaper business, not politics." The newspaper became interested in the problem after five persons were killed in an accident blamed on a chuckhole in the road near Lodgepole.

"We have not dropped our interest in Nebraska highways," Thone told capitol newsmen, "This is a responsibility of us younger people." The road problem will continue to grow with us. It was agreed among the officials of these three organizations that the legislature will take some action in the matter.

"The young people of this state realize that to build roads requires money—more money than is now available to the state highway department. If the 1953 legislature does nothing to make this money available, we will consider a petition campaign in 1953."

Confident —
The president of the Nebraska School Land Lessees association, Charles D. Green, of Sidney, is confident he will obtain some 45,000 signers to his petition to place before the general election voters his proposed amendment to the Nebraska constitution.

This amendment would take the administration of Nebraska's school lands from the state and hand it to the counties. The backbone of the proposal is that the counties in which the school lands are located shall receive the income from the lands; the counties which have sold their lands shall get the income from the trust fund into which the proceeds of the sales went.

Green acknowledged that he has already circulated his petition among thousands of signers

altho he could not legally do this until last week when he filed an affidavit with the secretary of state. He told reporters the petitions would be circulated in some areas.

Opinion here at the statehouse is that Green will probably get the issue on the ballot but that this will be followed by a ding-dong battle between the school land counties in the west, which would benefit from the proposal and the populous counties in the east, which have most of the school children.

Taxes —
The Nebraska citizens council, formed to educate taxpayers on how much they're paying and what they're getting for it, had some eye-opening news this week.

Robert M. Armstrong, of Omaha, former state tax commissioner, told a Lincoln meeting that percentage wise, taxes in Nebraska have increased twice as much as the state's income during the past ten years.

"In Nebraska," he said, "from 1940 to 1951, taxes have increased 470 per cent. Up to 1950—based on the latest available figures—income has increased only 244 per cent."

"In other words, taxes have increased twice as much in the last ten years. In 1951, Nebraska paid in direct taxes—not including hidden taxes or indirect taxes—for federal, state and local government, over \$508 million. This was 26 percent of our income."

Armstrong cited figures showing that federal taxes had increased from \$20.7 million in 1940 to \$362.5 million last year. He said state taxes have gone from \$28.6 million to \$52.5 million and local taxes have increased from \$39.8 million to \$93.3 million. Thus total taxes in the state went from \$99.1 million ten years ago to \$508.1 million last year.

Headache —
The county clerks of Nebraska

ka, barely recovered from the headache of tabulating one of the longest primary election ballots in the state's history, were holding their throbbing temples against this week.

The reason: the state canvassing board has asked them to re-submit complete and accurate figures on the vote in both republican and democratic balloting for president and vice-president.

The board acted after the Lincoln Journal revealed that 18 counties submitted reports showing either Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower or Sen. Robert A. Taft, or both, receiving no votes in the GOP presidential popularity contest.

Gov. Val Peterson urged he legislature to change the law next year to remedy the situation and State Auditor Ray C. Johnson assured him that the county clerks would see that pressure is applied to the lawmakers to amend the law.

Slap —
State Sen. Glenn Cramer, of Albion, one of the hardest-working members of the legislature, took a slap at some rural Nebraskans here last week.

Senator Cramer, a former teacher and onetime newspaper editor, is chairman both of the legislature's education committee and of the legislative council committee studying educational problems.

He told the Nebraska council for better education that rural people just aren't taking enough interest in educational studies. He said reports to his committee indicate that a majority of high school principals consider students handicapped when they attend city high schools.

Teachers who gain certification immediately after high school are considered to be unable to give equal educational opportunities, he said.

Altar Boys Have Outing—
Rev. Kenneth Carl, of St. Patrick's Catholic church, entertained a large group of altar boys at an all-day outing and picnic on Tuesday. The group left O'Neill in a truck after the 8 o'clock mass for the Ed Determan farm north of Emmet.



Dr. Jackman Talks to Page Graduates

PAGE—The Page high school baccalaureate service was held on Sunday, May 11. The sermon was delivered by Rev. C. E. Wilcox, Methodist church pastor. His theme was "The Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. George Francis.

Hymns sung were: "Jesus, Savior of My Soul," "Bless This House," "Were You There," and "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The commencement exercises were held Tuesday, May 13. The address was given by Dr. Everett E. Jackman. His topic was, "What is Your Name?"

The presentation of eighth grade diplomas was made by Walt Christon. Supt. Lamason presented the scholarships and awards.

Scholarships were awarded to: Diana June Fusselman, valedictorian; church school scholarship; Lorna Mae Stevens, salutatorian; normal school scholarship; Vernon L. Dorr, Norfolk Jr. college; Lorna Mae Stevens, regents to University of Nebraska; Diana June Fusselman, alternate for regents to University of Nebraska.

Members of the eighth grade class are: Charles F. Singelton, Hugh Troshynski, Dean A. Taylor, Brenda F. Beelaert, Bette J. French, Lloyd A. Fusselman, Veldon G. Gray, Helen J. Finch, Larry J. Roach.

Members of the senior class are Diana Fusselman, Lorna Stevens, Joyce Clasey, Roxana Simmons, Mary Halstead, Judith Trowbridge, Maxine Park, Norma Cullen, Nancy Heiss, Virgil Parks, Jerry Summers, Richard Christon, Wilson Lamason, William Zempel, Robert Sorenson and Vernon Dorr.

Arlene Beckwith an Omaha Bride

EMMET — Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beckwith and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and Darrell attended the wedding of their daughter and sister, Miss Arlene Beckwith, to Estel Cary at 2 p.m. ceremony Saturday at the Hanson Park Methodist church at Omaha.

The bride appeared in a white ballerina length gown of net over taffeta and carried a bouquet of yellow roses. Mrs. Max Davis, a friend of the bride, served as maid-of-honor, and was gowned in a pink taffeta ballerina length dress and carried a bouquet of red roses. Max Davis served as bestman for the bridegroom and both wore white carnation boutonnieres.

A 5 p.m. dinner was served at the Birchwood club for immediate relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary will reside in an apartment at 118 South 25th street, Omaha.

Mrs. Eby Hostess—
Mrs. E. J. Eby entertained the RFF club Wednesday afternoon at her home Mrs. John Quig gave a book review. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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