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PLATTSMOUTH CIVIC BODY IS REORGANIZED

"CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" IS TITLE ASSUMED BY HEIRS OF DEFUNCT CLUB.

From Thursday's Daily.

In response to the published call for a meeting of the Commercial club, a very pleasing number of citizens assembled last evening at the auditorium of the public library to take part in the deliberations of the organization that represents the active boosters of business and civic interests.

This meeting was the first public gathering of its kind held since the early days of 1917 and during the passage of time since the last gathering, there has been much history made and the city as well as the whole nation has been keyed to the highest pitch in the war work and the first days of the reconstruction period.

The officers of the club during the last two years have had a very strenuous time in looking after the problems of the commercial organization and it is only fair to them that they receive the just credit they deserve for handling the many problems of war time, numerous of which were greater than the average citizen realizes who was not actively engaged in war work. This of course has interfered with the holding of public meetings and has proven a distinct loss both to the civic organization and the people of the community.

Owing to the enforced absence of President Frank M. Bestor, the meeting was presided over by former mayor John P. Sattler, the vice president of the Commercial club, who briefly stated the object of the meeting to be that of reorganization of the club for the year's work and the election of the new officers of the club.

As soon as the proposition of the election of officers was brought up, Mr. Sattler, the genial presiding officer found himself facing deep water, as his name was presented as president by the enthusiastic membership of the club and the strenuous objections of Mr. Sattler proved unavailing and no other name would be considered, although Mr. Sattler stated that business interests were so pressing he did not believe he could handle the office, but on the insistence of the members he finally was persuaded to take the chair for the ensuing year.

Mr. Sattler has served the city for seven terms as mayor and has always been one of the active workers for the welfare of the community and his election as president of the civic organization is an assurance that he will give it his very best attention, even though it entails much personal sacrifice. The election of Mr. Sattler is, to put it briefly, one of the best accomplishments of the meeting last evening in the way of stimulating renewed interest in the city welfare interests.

For the office of vice president some little disagreement arose, as Guy Morgan placed E. H. Wescott in nomination for the office and everybody in the room except Mr. Wescott favored this proposition, but the veteran worker in the commercial club arose and nominated E. J. Richey who right away countered with a declination and once more Mr. Wescott faced the office, but finally placed Waldemar Soennichsen in nomination and succeeded in getting excused as he reminded the members of the years of service he had given the club and the desire that others assist in the task of aiding in the work of the organization. While the long experience of Mr. Wescott would have been very valuable in this office, he has proven that he is entitled to a rest from office in the club, as a greater part of the time he has served as secretary in the best years of the club work and was always one of the active wires in the work of boosting the city's best interests. While not assuming any office, Mr. Wescott assured his friends in the club that he was ready at all times to do what is possible to advance the best interests of the city.

For the office of secretary, Claude Smith was nominated and elected and R. W. Knorr, who has been the keeper of the strong box for the past year was re-elected as a reward for his services and also because he was not present to defend himself against the office.

One of the chief matters of importance before the session was that of changing the name of the organization from the oft used and misused title of commercial club to something more in keeping with the modern trend of civic organizations and which would send the rejuvenated organization forth under a new name to carry on the good work of making Plattsmouth succeed. The suggestion was given by Guy Morgan that the title "Chamber of Commerce" be adopted as the handle for the club and after a short discussion, the name was adopted by a unanimous vote and hereafter this will be the official title of the organization. The new name is one that will be in keeping with the other civic organizations over the state and nation

and represents the awakening interest that is being shown in community work in all of the cities of the country.

The two main matters of the evening having been disposed of by the meeting, the gathering developed into an informal tribunal for discussion of things helpful to the Chamber of Commerce and the community at large and many interesting and vital suggestions were given by the various members present.

Mayor A. Schneider urged on the club the need and advantage of the regular monthly sessions of the club in which everyone in the community should participate and in which an exchange of ideas among the citizens could be obtained. Such gatherings are the life of an organization, Mr. Schneider truthfully asserted and should be followed out by the Chamber of Commerce in fulfilling its true mission as the chief aid in city development. The very successful meetings of a few years past were cited by the mayor as instances of the meetings that took the form of a popular tribunal. Mr. Schneider also urged a greater interest in public affairs by the business men of the community and the citizens in general that more representative government could be secured, which would be beneficial to the community at large.

Mayor Schneider, one of the directors of the club during the past year, stated that Ward Burgess, of Omaha, had been secured for an early date to address the Chamber of Commerce and as soon as a definite date could be secured, it would be announced to the public.

Mayor Schneider struck a popular chord when he suggested "banquet" and everyone present was loud in endorsement of bringing together the citizens at a great community feast, where speakers of note could be heard and where all could be brought in closer touch with each other such as can be secured in no other way.

In the informal session of friendly criticism for the things that had not been done and others for the things that might be accomplished, all of which shows that everyone is keeping a keen interest in the city welfare work.

L. C. Sharp offered the suggestion of a policy of interest in maintaining an office and secretary to assist in community publicity. W. A. Swatek sounded the wish of many of the assembly in urging the state aid bridge over the Platte which has been agitated for the past year. C. C. Wescott urged that the organization take in all citizens of the community and make it as broad minded an organization as possible. Two very interesting suggestions were made by two of the members present, Don C. York urging that the railroad men get in line and assist in the club work, as they are vitally interested in the welfare of the city and Attorney Aubrey Duxbury making a bid for the city beautiful with more attention to the beautifying of the streets and avenues.

With an eye to the future, Rev. A. V. Hunter urged the taking of more interest in the boys and girls of the community to hold them in this city that they may become a part of the community life instead of leaving for other places and also pointed out the value of the community spirit of organized systematic boosting which many cities have made a great success of. Carl Kunsman, one of the former active business men said in a few words a world of helpfulness when he urged that all feeling of selfishness be eliminated and everyone get in the harness and pull for the success of the community.

Lack of space forbids the printing of all the many clever and well put suggestions given and the meeting certainly was one of more than passing interest in what was offered for the advancement of the city and the Chamber of Commerce.

Short talks were given by J. H. McMaken, Claude Smith, Guy Morgan, H. M. Soennichsen, Rev. A. G. Hollowell, H. A. Schneider, E. H. Wescott, A. W. Clويد, E. A. Webb, John Hatt, E. J. Richey, H. F. Goos, Charles Parker, L. G. Larson, Gus Olson, George Conis, C. F. Schmidt, John Wolff, B. J. Halstead, Jesse P. Perry, Fred Lugsch and a number of others along the lines of community helpfulness.

In order to increase the membership to its proper standard and in which it is hoped to enroll every resident of the city and the surrounding farming community, a boosting committee was named, headed by H. F. Goos, the veteran membership gatherer, and composed of Mr. Goos, Aubrey Duxbury and R. W. Knorr, who will have charge of the north portion of the city and country, and Waldemar Soennichsen, John Hatt and W. A. Swatek, who will look after the securing of members on the south side.

It was decided on motion of Mayor Schneider that the directors of the club continue to pay for their own dinners at the weekly meetings as they have done in the past. A great injustice has been done the gentleman who have served on the board the past year in reports that their dinners were supplied by the club, when the facts of the case are each one has paid for his own, and this

feature of the year's work has cost the individual members something like \$25 in addition to being away from their homes one meal each week, so that they are entitled to some statement as to the false reports, having willingly given their time to the community interest and footed the bills themselves.

Just before adjournment it was decided to hold the regular monthly meetings of the entire membership on the third Thursday evening of the month in the future.

In reviewing the work of the meeting last evening it certainly looks good to anyone who had the opportunity of attending, as an evidence of the desire of all classes of citizens to join in making 1921 the best year yet in the history of the city.

ST. MARY'S GUILD HOLDS MEETING

Ladies Gather at Rectory to Conduct Business Session and Lay Plans for Year.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of St. Mary's guild were entertained at the St. Luke's rectory by Madame Leete and Mrs. W. S. Leete in the first meeting of the Lenten season.

Owing to the observance of the season of meditation and penitence, there were no refreshments or social features of the occasion. The ladies spent the time in the playing of the busy needle, preparing articles that they are to offer at the annual shop.

During the afternoon several informal musical numbers were given that proved a great delight to all of the members of the party. Miss Mary Rucker favored the gathering with a delightful piano number, while Mrs. A. T. Fitt, Mrs. T. B. Petersen and Mrs. Percy Field each offered vocal selections that were thoroughly enjoyed by all of the ladies present.

WILL TRY POPEL ARSON CASE HERE

Frank Popel, Accused of Arson at Nebraska City, Secures a Change of Venue.

From Thursday's Daily.

Following the decision of the state supreme court granting a new trial to Frank Popel, Jr., formerly of the Frontier hotel, the matter of a change of venue was argued yesterday before Judge Begley at Nebraska City and the court granted the request of the attorneys for the defendant and the case will be sent to Plattsmouth for trial at the coming term of the district court in March.

The defense produced a petition signed by 150 of the business men of Nebraska City stating that the community there was prejudiced against Mr. Popel and that it would be impossible to secure a fair and impartial trial of the case in Oto county. The complaint against Frank Popel, Sr., it is stated, will be dismissed.

AN APPRECIATION

We desire through the columns of the Journal to express our deepest feeling of appreciation to the kind friends and neighbors and the children who have assisted us during our recent illness. Such kindness cannot be forgotten and will always be cherished by us. Especially do we desire to thank Mesdames Joe Libershal, John Libershal, Grandma Libershal, Maggie Kaufmann, P. A. McCrary, Julius Nielsen, Mike Gilles, Herman Gartieman, C. L. Herger, for their donations of foodstuffs and the S. S. Chase meat market for making deliveries to our home during quarantine. Also to the Burlington blacksmith shop for their donation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphear.

MEET WITH MRS. STANFIELD

From Thursday's Daily.

The Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church held a very pleasant meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Stanfield at the Coronado Apartments. A portion of the afternoon was devoted to the usual business session, after which the ladies indulged in various amusements, interspersed with social conversation and playing the busy needle on dainty fancy work. At a suitable time the hostess served a dainty luncheon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. A few more moments devoted to a social time and then the ladies dispersed, very much indebted to the hostess for the delightful afternoon's entertainment afforded them.

ENTERTAINS CLASS

The Christian church parsonage was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Tuesday afternoon when the junior class of the young ladies of the church school were entertained by their teacher, Mrs. A. G. Hollowell. The afternoon was spent in a social way with games and amusements that proved very enjoyable while at a suitable hour dainty refreshments added to the pleasures of the young folks.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

A REAL HOME IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IS ATTRACTIVE TO OLD PEOPLE AND TENDER CARE GIVEN THEM

When we think of a great institution devoted to the infirm and aged we are wont to picture a place of stiffness and cheerlessness and one that is merely a place to stay for a short time until death releases the unfortunates, such however is not always the case. A real "home" in every sense of the term is the Nebraska Masonic Home situated in this city and where the aged ladies and gentlemen are resting in their declining years and if there is anyone who does not believe that this is true they have only to visit the institution that the Masons of the state have provided for their aged members and their families. Far from the traditional "institution" is the bright and attractive home and everything that the generous heart of Masonry can conceive of has been provided there for these old people.

When the visitor enters the home he is impressed with the bright and attractiveness of the interior of the buildings, their spotless cleanliness and the pleasant feeling of real home-like atmosphere that prevails here. The whole interior has been redecorated and painted the past summer and is finished in soft soothing colors that adds to the general spirit of comfort that prevails over the building.

The parlors are tastefully furnished and many of the rare and valuable furnishings that were once the pride of the George Lininger home in Omaha are to be found in these parlors including a rare old ebony cabinet, cozy fashioned chairs and many of the choice pictures that were a part of the priceless Lininger gallery in Omaha, while also can be seen here in the dining room examples of the art work of J. V. D. Patch, the distinguished portrait painter, who is a resident of the home. Mr. Patch has painted a life-like portrait of Col. Frank H. Young, former president of the Masonic Home association which hangs in the parlors where there is also a tablet to the memory of Mr. Lininger, one of the founders of the home.

The halls of the lower floor are wide and handsome and make a delightful place for the residents to exercise when the weather does not permit their getting out into the open. On the first floor are a number of rooms which the lodges of the Masons and Eastern Star over the state have furnished and these rooms are as pleasant and well furnished as any room in the best furnished home and fully arranged with the view of the comfort of the old people of the home. The pleasant atmosphere that one feels on entering the home is reflected in meeting the residents who, while most of them are suffering from physical infirmities, are cheerful and smiling and their brave attitude in the face of their ailments is a bright and pleasant as though misfortune had passed her by. Another of the patient sufferers is Mrs. Harriet Van Wie, who has been bedfast for the past fifteen years and who patiently and cheerfully, with true christian faith awaits the time that will mean rest from her illness. Mrs. Van Wie enjoyed last week her first movie show when she was taken to the dining room of the home and saw on the screen the pictures that almost speak and the sensation was one of wonder to this grand old lady.

The dining room of the home is located on the first floor and is a room well lighted and cheerful and the tables are arranged so that the members of the home can gather around in their intimate groups at the meal hour. Superintendent W. F. Evers, who is always on the alert to make the home as pleasant as possible has hit on the happy plan of having one of the gentle old ladies at the home at each of the tables and they have added a touch of home to the meals and especially as the larger portion of the residents of the home are old gentlemen. The dining room has another of the fine paintings of J. V. D. Patch on the walls that adds to the attractiveness.

The kitchen of the home is a model of efficiency every way and is as thoroughly equipped and up-to-date as any hotel kitchen in the state and provided with the latest and best methods of handling the food supply. The home does their own baking and a large electric dough-mixer is among the equipment of the kitchen, as well as a patent dish washer that helps to lighten the labors of the cook and assistant. A well stocked pantry opens off of the kitchen and a dumb waiter is used to convey the food to the second floor where the real infirm and bedfast are kept. An example of the earnest effort that is made to cater to the complete comfort and pleasure of the old people is shown in the

preparation of the menu each day, as this is looked after by Mr. Evers each day and there is no constant repetition of the same assortment of food but every day it is diversified in such manner that it is enjoyable to the old people. In a great many places of this kind there is a tendency to have the same menu used several times, but not so at the Masonic home.

Incidentally the dining room is the scene each week of the picture show, an event always looked forward to with interest by the old folks; the room being the largest and best adapted to this purpose. Mr. Evers has a large screen that is placed at one end of the room and the moving picture machine that Plattsmouth Lodge No. 2 is presented to the home does the rest of the work and the dining hall rings with merriment as the screen depicts the comedies and the members of the big family forget in the pleasures of the screen, the pains and troubles that are their lot.

The second floor of the new addition is devoted to the care of the feeble and bedfast patients and here there is a most efficient organization to care for these sick folks. There is a head nurse, one day nurse, one night nurse and one man nurse, who care for the old folks who are unable to be around. A well equipped diet kitchen has been established on this floor where dishes for the sick who are on a diet, is prepared by the nurses and here also is a well stocked cabinet of medicinal supplies that can be used in the care of the sick, together with the charts that keep a complete record of the sickness of the members and their condition each day.

The second floor is bright and pleasant to the patients and an extra large hall affords room for the ones who desire to pace up and down and exercise and if they desire they can go out onto the large porch on either the east or west side of the building. These porches in the summer time are ideal spots and on the east side of the building the view one enjoys is immense as the hill on which the home is situated allows a view of the old sluggish Missouri river, the business part of the city and the many tree clad hills of the residence section and is well worth seeing.

The second floor of the older portion of the building is devoted to the quarters of the employees of the home and the office of the president, William Carragher. This estimable lady is one of the efficient workers of the home who has assisted in making it the pleasant home-like place that it is and her long service there and acquaintance with the members makes her service especially valuable in caring for the old folks who feel that they have an old friend in the matron, second only to that of the general superintendent, Mr. Evers, who is the prime favorite of all of the old folks and whose pleasantness assists them in forgetting their troubles and cares.

On this floor is also located the "guest room" where the visitor to the home is cared for when the occasion arises. This room is furnished with the finest and rarest of furniture that would delight the eye of the lover of the beautiful, and the articles are those formerly used by George W. Lininger in his home. One of the valuable articles used here is a bed covering of satin, which is composed of badges of gatherings of the Knights Templar from all sections of the United States and which has in the centerpiece a large and beautiful cross with the jeweled crown of the Templar.

Both the main and second floor are well equipped with strictly modern baths and lavatories which are of easy access to anyone in the building and which are models of neatness and cleanliness.

Even the basement of the home has felt the touch of the efficient hand of Superintendent Evers and here as in other portions of the building there is no trace of dust or dirt and everything is arranged in a business like and efficient manner that tends to make things easy to handle and much more satisfactory. Mr. Evers has made a number of changes in the basement of the building and among these was the cleaning out of an old corner formerly used as a store room and which has been transformed into a lounging room for the old gentlemen and where they can enjoy a social pipe of tobacco and visit with each other to their hearts content. From the general spirit of enjoyment prevailing there we will say that this has been a move that the old gentlemen have appreciated. In this portion of the building is located the ice making plant which supplies the ice for the large boxes in the pantry as well as the meat cooling room which is as fine and up-to-date as that of any modern meat market. The ice plant is the best of machinery and in addition to cooling the ice boxes and meat room supplies the ice for the coolers and other uses of the home. While at the home we had the opportunity of viewing the meat cooling room and the supply of meat that has been secured from the recent butchering of two of the hogs raised from what was formerly waste from the home. The raising of the hogs was the idea of Mr. Evers and has proved a success as it has cost the home but little and given them a large amount of meat and there are still eight of the hogs left to add to the food supply if necessary.

The basement also has three large store rooms kept free from all mice or vermin and as spotless as any

room in the house and the well stocked rooms speak of the efficient manner of handling the conduct of the home.

The laundry building is another of the modern features of the home and it is thoroughly equipped to care for the needs of the place having two modern washing machines, two mangles for ironing, an extractor that wrings the clothes free from water and a fine steam drying room. Here all the belting is protected by wire netting to prevent accidents and complies with all the requirements of safety. The basement of the laundry building is used as the power plant of the home and even here where the coal is constantly being used there is the all-prevailing touch of neatness and everything is in first class shape.

The poultry houses at the home are being removed to the west portion of the grounds near that portion used as a garden spot and is being arranged so as to make even this part of the plant clean and neat in every way.

It is planned during the coming summer to carry the improvement program to the grounds surrounding the home and give them the attention that will make them even more attractive than they are at the present time, although in the summer season there are no more beautiful surroundings than that in which the Masonic home is located.

Quite a number of persons are employed at the home and more than the average person realizes as there are the superintendent, matron, head nurse, assistant, night nurse, man nurse, cook, assistant cook, two dining room girls, two hall girls, fireman and laundress.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is an institution of which the Masonic fraternity can feel very proud and which this city and its people have a deep and abiding interest and the old people there who have become known to the residents of the community hold a place all their own in the estimation of the Plattsmouth people and anything that they can do will certainly be afforded the old folks as has been shown on several occasions in the way of special entertainments.

Not the least of the causes of the efficient conduct of the home is due to the board of control of the home, composed of prominent Masons of the state and of which James M. Robertson of this city is the president and this board is constantly on the alert to do all possible to make this the finest institution of its kind in the west. The board has been fortunate in securing Mr. Evers who has been acquainted with the workings of the home for several years and who has led this great efficient running condition of its history.

After seeing the home and realizing what it means to the old and sick of the order we appreciate more the full significance of the spirit of fraternity that has led this great order to prepare a real home for their aged members and the ladies of the order.

MRS. LEE IMPROVING

From Thursday's Daily.

Mrs. May Lee who has been quite ill for the past few days is now reported as showing some improvement and is able to sit up for a short time after a painful siege of lumbago. Her many friends will be pleased to learn of her improvement.

If it's in the stationery line, call at the Journal office.

DEATH OF IRA BATES OCCURS AT OMAHA

Cass County Man Passed Away at Early Hour This Morning After Long Period of Illness.

From Friday's Daily.

This morning at 3 o'clock at the University hospital in Omaha occurred the death of Ira Bates, long a well known resident of Cass county, but who has for some time been making his home in Nebraska City. The death of Mr. Bates followed a long illness for the last few days of which he has been at the hospital where an examination as to his condition was being made. It is thought that the cause of death was tuberculosis, but this will be fully determined by the autopsy to be performed today.

The body of Mr. Bates will be brought to this city and the funeral services held on Sunday at 1 o'clock from the Christian church, conducted by Rev. A. G. Hollowell and interment made at the Rock Bluffs cemetery, amid the scenes of the early life of the deceased.

To mourn the death there remain the wife and two adopted children, Ervin and Helen Bates, three brothers, Lemon Bates, Nebraska City; George Bates, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Charles Bates, Thurman, Iowa; and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Blackmore of Chicago and Mrs. Emma Durnbaugh of Cleveland, Ohio.

Ira Bates was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bates, old residents of Cass county, and was born near Rock Bluffs on January 17, 1878, and for his lifetime has resided for the greater part of that time in this community, being engaged in farming up to the last few months and during the years of his residence here he made many friends who will deeply regret to learn of his death at this time.

LOYAL WORKERS MEET

From Thursday's Daily.

The Loyal Workers of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Sanders yesterday afternoon, the hostess being assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Edward Ofe and the ladies in attendance enjoyed to the utmost the opportunity of partaking of the very delightful hospitality afforded them. The ladies discussed the plans for holding a market on Saturday at the Chase meat market and at the close of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the delights of the occasion.

CARD OF THANKS


We take this method to thank our friends for their words of comfort and sympathy, and to those who so willingly helped us in the illness and death of our husband and father, and to his fellow workmen, friends and neighbors, for their beautiful floral remembrances.

Mrs. Harriet McCauley,
Fred and Charles.

FOR SALE

Buff Orpington cockrels, Inquire of John H. Behrens, Nehawka, Neb.

My, but she'd appreciate one of those lovely boxes of stationery on display at the Journal office.

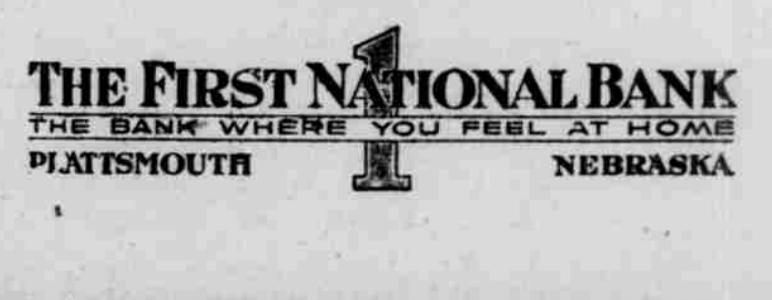


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