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SCHOOL DAYS RAPIDLY DRAWING TO CLOSE

PLATTSMOUTH YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SOON TO CLOSE THE YEAR'S WORK.

The last days of the school year are fast approaching and the boys and girls of the Plattsmouth public schools are already completing their plans for the final festivities which will mark the close of the school work.

The first of the events that will mark the closing of the school year is the junior-senior banquet, which will be held at the Modern Woodmen hall this evening and at which representatives of all four classes of the high school will be present to assist in the pleasant farewell to their upper class mates who are soon to leave the school to take up their activities in other lines.

On Sunday evening, May 20, at the First Presbyterian church, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached to the class of '23 by the Rev. H. C. McClusky, pastor of the church, who has been the recipient of this honor for a number of years. This is one of the most important functions in which the class participates as a unit and always one very largely attended by the friends of the class.

On Tuesday evening, May 22, at the Parmele theatre will be presented the class play of the year, "Believe Me, Xanthippe," a comedy that the young people have decided upon as their offering for the year, and for which they have been practicing strenuously for several weeks past.

The chief event of the school year, the commencement exercises, will be held at the auditorium of the high school on Thursday evening, May 24, and will mark the formal severance of the ties of four years standing that class has had in the Plattsmouth high school. The class address will be given by the Rev. J. W. G. East of the First Methodist church of Omaha and will be a very scholarly offering on the part of this talented gentleman and a fitting finale to the work of the young people in the public schools.

The senior class will hold their farewell party, which is for the class members on Thursday evening, May 24, Friday, May 25, and this is the last function of the class as it passes into the history of the past.

Some time between now and the 24th the seniors will enjoy their annual "Sneak" day, but the date, of course, is a secret, and will be enjoyed by the young people as the last chance they have to play "hokey" from the high school.

GIVES CLEVER STUNT

Yesterday morning at the high school auditorium the P. H. S. Student club presented a short play entitled "All a Mistake." The play centered about the actions of a scientist who had lost a valuable formula and the young hotel clerk who tried to find the formula and win the scientist's daughter. As Bob Hughes, the hotel clerk, Fred Triley was very clever. Colleen O'Brien in the person of Mary Warren, the girl who was bullied by her father, Prof. O'Brien, which part was taken very capably by Theodore Svoboda. Harold Mullis kept the audience in gales of laughter in his efforts as Mr. M. T. Pocket to win Miss Lotta Coin, this part being taken by Marie Hunter. Ken Olson as Rastus White the negro bell hop, divided the comedy honors of the day with Mr. M. T. Pocket. The parts of the millionaire, Mr. Lute Beggar and his jealous wife were ably carried by Forrest Shrader and Helen Wescott. Domestic troubles were caused between them by Miss Violet Ray, a sprightly chorus girl. Beniah Warden puts lots of pep into this part. John Iverson as Gumshoe Gatt, the hard boiled detective, would do credit as a genuine officer of the law.

TENNIS INTEREST GROWING

Last evening the Plattsmouth Tennis club held a meeting at the office of Dr. R. P. Westover and which was attended by quite a pleasing representation of the "sharks" of the city. It was decided that this year there would be two courts constructed on the lots belonging to the Sharp estate just east of the I. O. O. F. building on lower Main street, which will be very convenient for the business men who are members of the club and desire a few moments of play during the day. The club will also make an additional court at the L. G. Larson grounds, which now is almost completed, and the two sites will make four very fast and up-to-date courts for the club. The greatest interest was shown by those in attendance and everything is ready as soon as the weather becomes settled for the players to throw dull care away and hasten out to the courts for play. This year there will be a large addition to the membership of the club and many new players will respond to the call of "Love All" and other equally effective phrases.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely desire to express to our kind friends and neighbors our appreciation of their sympathy and assistance to us in the hour of our deep sorrow and grief at the taking away of our loved one and trust that this same sympathy may be given to these friends if they are called upon to bear the loss of their loved one. We also desire to thank Father W. S. Leete for his kindness, and for the beautiful flowers sent by the Mechanical Department Association of Burlington Railway Employees, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Libershal, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. John Libershal, and the friends and neighbors—Mrs. Frances Koubek; Frances McCart; A. H. Koubek; Frank Koubek; Joseph Koubek.

HENRY SPECHT HOME IS CONSUMED BY FLAMES

Cause of Fire, Originating in Attic of House, Not Fully Determined—House Burned Down.

From Thursday's Daily. Early this morning at 1:30 the fire alarm called the fire department to the residence of Henry Specht on North Eighth street where the structure was found to be swept by a very intense fire and had gained such headway that it was impossible to check the blaze with the chemicals as the fire had broken through the roof from the second story and was spreading very rapidly. The fact that the place was out the fire limits and no water available made it out of the question to save the building and in a short time the structure was reduced to ashes.

The greater part of the household effects were carried from the burning building by members of the family and neighbors and will make the loss much less to the Specht family. When discovered, the fire seemed to be raging in the attic of the house and it is evident that a more or less headway by the time it aroused the members of the household.

The residence is located at the foot of the hill north of the standpipe and in the third house in that locality to burn in the past year, the Ebenland and the residence across the street, and the W. A. Galloway residence a block north having also been destroyed during the past year.

TO TRAVEL ON GOOD ROADS EVERYWHERE

At Present Rate of Improvement, Nebraska Farmer Will Soon Have Unsurpassed Highways.

While the law provides that an amount up to 75% of the auto license fees returned to any county may be used to maintain state roads in that county as a matter of fact, in many counties, more than fifty per cent of the license money is turned over to the county board to be used on local roads. As maintenance of state roads becomes systematized further, it is expected that a still greater proportion will be used for the disposal of the county for its own highways.

Great credit is due the various county boards for the way in which they have solved, each for its own locality, the problem of lifting the burden of "mud tax" and at the same time keeping their road expenditures within limits of their funds. The excellent county roads found in Nebraska do not exist by accident, but are the result of careful planning by county officials who have conscientiously striven to fulfill the democratic ideal of giving the greatest service to the greatest number of people.

It is estimated that at the present time 50 per cent of the rural traffic is over state roads. When the system of feeders constructed by the counties are completed, they will take care of more than 90 per cent of the rural traffic. In other words, if the present road building program is continued in this state, it will soon be possible for the farmers to do more than 90 per cent of their hauling over graded, maintained, year-around roads. The effect of such an improvement in road marketing conditions will be almost revolutionary.

Co-operation between the various county boards and the state department of public works is going to give Nebraska a network of highways which will mean more to the state's economic advancement than any agency since the introduction of rail transportation.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Thursday's Daily. Louis Born and daughter, Edna, accompanied by Mrs. Philip Born, motored to Omaha this morning, where Edna will enter the St. Joseph hospital for the removal of her tonsils.

BEST TURKEY EGGS

White Holland turkey T. B. tested eggs, 40c each. Day old poult 50c. Miss Mrs. Nickels, Murray, phone 1811.

CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Madame Johana Leete and Mrs. W. S. Leete Entertain Executive Council Here Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily. The St. Luke's church and the St. Luke's rectory yesterday were the scenes of the regular monthly session of the executive council of the Church Service League, the members of the council being the guests of Madame Leete and Mrs. W. S. Leete for the day, these ladies being members of the body, and the occasion proved one of the greatest interest and pleasure to all participating. The members of the party arrived here at 10 o'clock over the Burlington and at once commenced their sessions at the church which were occupied with the business of the council until the noon hour, when the Rev. Ernest V. Shayler, bishop of Nebraska, held a short noonday service and prayers at the church which were joined in by the visiting clergy and the ladies.

At 12:30 the members of the council were invited to the rectory where a very enjoyable three-course luncheon had been arranged by the hostesses for the entertainment of the guests of the day. The tables were very charmingly arranged in a color scheme of pink and white, sweet peas being used in the floral decorations and over the scene a soft glow of the candles made a pleasing feature of the decorative scheme. The luncheon was served by the ladies of the church, Mesdames J. A. Donelan, J. S. Livingston, R. A. Bates, Miss Verna Leonard and Dora Fricke comprising those assisting in the delightful gathering.

At the table much enjoyment was derived from the various toasts proposed by the toastmaster, Father Leete, and which were responded to by various members of the company. Bishop Shayler spoke on "The Fun of Being a Guest," Mr. St. John spoke on "The Fun of Being a Bishop's Wife," The Rev. Arthur Hyde on "The Fun of Being President of the Church Service League," Father Leete on "The Fun of Being a Parish Priest," Mrs. W. S. Leete on "The Fun of Being a President of the Woman's Auxiliary," Mrs. William Jones on "The Fun of Being Past President of the Woman's Auxiliary," Madame Leete on "The Fun of Being a Corresponding Secretary for Twenty Years" and the Rev. Benjamin Digs on "The Fun of Being a Guest."

After enjoying the occasion very much the members of the party departed for Omaha on the 3:20 Missouri Pacific train and all felt that the opportunity of enjoying the hospitality of the rectory was one that they would long remember.

Those attending the session were: the Rt. Rev. Ernest V. Shayler, bishop of Nebraska and honorary president of the league; the Rev. Arthur P. S. Hyde, president of the Church Service League, rector of Holy Trinity church, Lincoln; Miss Eleanor Sprague, secretary, Omaha; Mrs. Ernest V. Shayler, representing the Daughters of the King; Madame Leete, diocesan correspondent of the Church Periodical club; Mrs. Benjamin Digs, president of the Girls Friendly society; Miss Marion Towle, president of the Church School Service League; Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, secretary and treasurer of Box Work; Officers and Executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Ernest V. Shayler, honorary president; Mrs. Wilbur S. Leete, president; Mrs. Clinton Miller, vice president; Omaha; Mrs. Marion Tyrone, secretary; Omaha; Mrs. J. D. Fairchild, treasurer, Lincoln; Mrs. Ruth, educational secretary, Omaha; Miss Augusta Robb, vice president of Nebraska City district; Mrs. M. E. Musser, diocesan librarian, Omaha; Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mrs. Leigh Leslie, the Rev. Benjamin Digs, missionary south of the Platte, was a visitor.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MC CART

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home in the south portion of the city occurred the funeral services of the late Mrs. Frances McCart, and a large number of the old friends and neighbors gathered to share with the family the grief that the parting has caused and render to the memory of the departed their tribute of love and respect.

The services were conducted by Father W. S. Leete, of the St. Luke's Episcopal church and were very impressive and beautiful and the rector gave words of encouragement and hope to the bereaved family and friends.

The wealth of floral remembrances attested the deep feeling of affection in which Mrs. McCart was held by the old friends and at the conclusion of the service the body was tenderly borne to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest. The pall bearers were selected from among the old friends, being William and Paul Stizmann, Ed Cotner, James Henderson, Frank and John Libershal.

Boxed stationery, Journal office.

ENJOY FINE TIME

From Friday's Daily. The service class of the Christian church yesterday afternoon enjoyed a most interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. John Allwin, with Mrs. Davis assisting in the entertaining of the afternoon. Among the matters handled at the business session was that of the preparing of a quilting contest in which each member will be asked to prepare blocks for quilts, and to secure homes at 10c each to have placed on the quilt block and which will make the quilts a very unique as well as pleasing trophy. Dainty refreshments were served and the ladies adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in June at the home of Mrs. W. F. Clark.

HOLD UP IMPROVEMENT OF MISSOURI FOR TWO YEARS

Between Kansas City and Pierre, S. D., it Becomes Known in Washington, D. C.

The improvement of the barge line service along the Missouri river between Kansas City, Kas., and Pierre, S. D. which has been advocated by Nebraska and Iowa farmers, civic associations and business organizations, will not be undertaken by the federal government for at least two years and probably longer.

This was revealed today when General Beach, chief of the army engineers, explained how the \$1,240,000 which was allotted by the war department a few days ago for the improvement and maintenance of the Missouri river for the coming year would be spent.

No provision for the improvement of the large line was made in the funds made available. It was not considered in this latest allotment of the army engineers, who last February, after a preliminary examination of the proposed improvement, reported that it was not advisable on the ground that "actual prospective use of the river appears tenuous and bank protection would rebound almost entirely to the advantage of landed interests."

This decision, however, was immediately protested by the Six City Chamber of Commerce, representing individuals, business organizations and civic associations in the Missouri river valley. The war department then decided to hold hearings in Washington September 15, 1923, to give these individuals and organizations an opportunity to plead their case before the Secretary of War Weeks and the engineers.

If the Missouri river valley people should persuade the engineers to recommend the proposed improvement, war department officials declared today that it would be at least two years and quite likely longer before any actual construction would be undertaken.

The \$25,000 allotted a few days ago for the improvement and maintenance of the Missouri between Kansas City and Sioux City, which includes most of the territory that would be served by the barge line, will be spent on removing snags and drifts heaps from the channel, cutting trees on caving banks and keeping the harbor-line dike repaired and replaced.

During the last fiscal year \$64,473.57 was spent on this portion of the river in similar operations. The engineers, however, felt that because of the improved condition of the river \$25,000 would be sufficient for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924. None of this money will be spent on the improvement of a barge line.

TRAFFIC REVIVED

There has been considerable revived traffic within the last few months on this portion of the river, engineers here said today. Five tow boats are transporting material for bank protection work and these engineers said they understood that a middle western company was contemplating some extensive dredging activities this summer although no definite arrangements as far as they know have been made.

MAKES APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Charles Nunziato of Murdock was a visitor in the city and a caller at the office of Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson to make application for his citizenship papers and to renounce all allegiance to the King of Italy or any other foreign potentate or ruler. He was accompanied here by Jerry E. McHugh and Henry A. Tool, both of Murdock, to act as witnesses for the applicant.

W. T. Adams and wife departed this morning for Lincoln to visit their son, J. E. Adams and from where they will go to St. Paul, to visit with other relatives before returning home to this city.

JUNIORS GIVE SENIORS FAREWELL TREAT

ANNUAL JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET OF 1923 IS VERY MUCH ENJOYED

From Friday's Daily. Amid surroundings that were typical of the land of the cherry blossom, the class of 1924 last evening tendered to the class of 1923 a farewell banquet that was one of the most delightful events of the year's school activities and showed much skill and originality on the part of the juniors in getting the arrangements for the banquet prepared as cleverly as they did.

The decorations of the hall were really a triumph of artistic taste and had evidently required a great deal of time to prepare by the young people. The walls had been paneled with purple and lavender tones of crepe paper and back of the artificial lattice work arranged around the hall the white blossoms of the cherry trees were to be seen, making a touch of great beauty to the general decorative scheme. From the ceiling were suspended the Japanese lanterns and moss that combined with the general plan of decorations and on the banquet table and over the entrances were placed bowls of the beautiful Wisteria. The menu cards were also of Japanese design and very attractive.

In order to carry out the Japanese idea effectively the young ladies of the Social Workers of the Methodist church, in charge of the serving, were dressed in the quaint and flowing gowns of the far off island kingdom. The menu was one thoroughly enjoyed and the ladies having this feature of the entertainment in charge were responsible for placing everyone in the most affable of moods when the feast was finished. The menu was as follows:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Chicken a la King
- Mashed Potatoes
- Macaroni of Peas and Carrots
- Rolls
- Strawberry Conserve
- Tulip Radishes
- Spring Salad
- Grape Juice
- Mints
- Coffee
- Sandwiches
- Angel Food Cake
- Nuts

During the serving of the banquet the Society Syncoptors orchestra of Omaha under the direction of Edward Ballintine, furnished a program of the popular musical numbers which filled an important place in the enjoyment of the evening.

After the wealth of good things of the banquet had been disposed of the auditors enjoyed a series of short, clever and well arranged toasts from the members of the various classes and the faculty of the school, which, filled with plenty of pep, kept the audience in the best of humor.

Henry Leacock, president of the junior class, presided over the banquet and in turn called upon the speakers of the evening.

The formal address of welcome was given by George Schmidtmann for the junior class and in which he expressed the kindly feeling of the various classes in the school and welcomed them to the reception and banquet which is an annual feature of the upper classes of the school.

The response for the seniors was made by Harold Mullis, president of the class, who expressed the appreciation for the wonderful gathering prepared in their honor.

Superintendent George E. DeWolf offered a few words of congratulation to the seniors on their approaching completion of their school work and to the juniors for their exceptionally clever entertainment.

For the sophomore class, Frank Godwin, and for the freshmen, Miss Helen Wurl, the respective presidents, offered a few words of interest to the toast list and their well arranged and very witty remarks proved very pleasing to all of the banqueters.

The arrangements for the board of education was made by Mrs. William A. Robertson and that of the school faculty by Miss Kirkpatrick and both of these ladies proved strong additions to the toast list.

The arrangements for the banquet were in charge of a committee from the junior class sponsored by Miss Mona Keith and the smoothness and efficiency evident in the execution of the entire program reflects great credit upon both the committee and its sponsor. The unique and original ideas expressed in the decorations and the general oriental effect contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion and will be credited largely to Miss Keith who worked untiringly to make the affair a success and a happy memory to both the junior and senior classes of 1923.

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FEELING VERY POORLY

George Schantz, Sr., and wife, old residents of the south part of the city, have been having quite a severe time the last few weeks as the result of a sick spell that has been affecting them both. Mrs. Schantz has been confined to her bed for the greater part of the time and is just now able to sit up for a short time. Mr. Schantz has been having a tussle with neuritis and with the sickness of his wife has made the home a very desolate spot for the last few weeks.

COMMITTEE WILL LOOK OVER THE LACHMAN SHOWS

Will Inspect Exposition Shows Next Week at Atchison, Kas.—Business Men on Committee.

From Friday's Daily. The local American Legion post, under whose auspices the Lachman Exposition shows will appear in this city for the week of May 14 to 20, has arranged that under the terms of the contract the shows will be given the once-over by a committee of the legion or who they may select and as this committee the post has asked that a committee of two business men act and named Guy W. Morgan and John F. Wolf.

Messrs. Morgan and Wolf will leave some day next week for Atchison, Kansas, where the carnival opens Monday and will inspect the shows and the various attractions that are carried and will then make their report to the members of the Legion carnival committee here.

The billing of Cass county and also Mills county, Iowa, has been completed by the advance representative of the Lachman company, Mr. D. E. Christie, and W. R. Holly, who has charge of the promotion of the carnival for the legion post. The keenest interest is shown in the coming of the Lachman shows and if they are all as represented the carnival will be one of the best that has been seen in the city in a great many years.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

From Friday's Daily. The Women's Auxiliary of St. Luke's parish was entertained very pleasantly yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. Donelan, with Mrs. V. V. Leonard assisting and the ladies spent the greater part of the time in the discussion of Alaska and the mission work of the Episcopal church in that region. The meeting was under the leadership of Mrs. John E. Schutz, who had prepared and read a very interesting article covering the Alaska church field and following this the ladies had a very pleasing discussion of the topic of the meeting.

There were a large number in attendance and the hostesses provided very delicious and much appreciated refreshments for the members of the party.

When your letterheads, envelopes, statements or other printed forms begin to run low, call us up. We will have more ready for you promptly.

AGED LADY DIES NEAR AVOCA

Mrs. Mogens Sailing Passed Away at Ripe Old Age of 86 Years at Home of Her Son.

Karen Peterson was born Feb. 26, 1837, at Langaa, Denmark, and died April 29, 1923, having reached the age of 86 years, two months and 26 days. She was married to Mogens Sailing in June, 1819. They had a family of nine children, three of whom have passed on before her. She and her husband arrived in America April 11, 1904. They lived with their son, James, in Weeping Water four years.

Mrs. Sailing passed from this life Dec. 23, 1909, and since that time she has had her home with her son, Ernest Sailing, three miles west of Avoca, Neb. Mrs. Sailing was baptized in childhood in the Lutheran church in Denmark, and at the age of 14 she was confirmed and received into full membership of the Lutheran church. She was a devout Christian, being exceedingly loyal to her church and Master.

She leaves two sons and four daughters, as follows: Mrs. Mary Christensen of Loup City, Neb.; Jas. Sailing, Palmer, Neb.; Mrs. Martin Hansen, Clearwater, Neb.; Ernest Sailing, Avoca, Neb.; Mrs. Clara Swain, Palmer, Neb., and Mrs. Margretha Nielsen, Elba, Neb.

Besides the children she leaves 36 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren to mourn her departure, and to cherish her love and devotion in the memory of a life so graciously expressing the warmest affection and noblest ideals.

CLARENCE EDWIN DUNAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dunagan are called to mourn their first born son, Clarence Edwin, who passed away on April 30, 1923, following a ten days' illness of measles which developed into pneumonia.

Clarence was born in Plattsmouth, Neb., May 31, 1917, and died in Glenwood April 30, 1923, aged 5 years and 11 months. He is mourned by his parents and a younger brother, Warren. Besides these of the immediate family his paternal grandmother and his maternal grandparents mourn with the parents.

Funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. G. T. Roberts of the Methodist church. Music for the services was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyers, Mrs. Lillian Lewis and Fred Raine, all former neighbors. There was present from a distance Mrs. C. T. Reynolds, of Atchison, Kansas, an aunt of Mrs. Dunagan. How well does Holland describe the scene when he says: "We laid the little fellow close by his grandfather; he strew his grave with flowers, and then returned to our saddened home with hearts united in sorrow as they had never been united in joy, and with sympathies forever opened toward all who are called to kindred grief."—Glenwood Tribune.

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