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## DADS AND BOY SCOUTS HAVE GET TOGETHER

MANY ATTEND DINNER AT THE METHODIST CHURCH LAST EVENING.

## LEARN OF SCOUT WORKINGS

Many of the "Dads" For First Time Have a Clear Vision of Scout Principles Given Them.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Last evening the first annual festival of the Boy Scouts was held at the parlors of the First Methodist church and attended by a fine appearing delegation of the boys of the two troops of the city and who were accompanied by their fathers to join in the pleasant event.

The ladies of the church had a large part in the success of the festival as they had the details of the arrangements of the banquet hall in hand as well as the menu of the evening and there was nothing omitted from the menu that could tempt the appetite of the old as well as the young boys who were at the banquet board. Those who have enjoyed the banquets prepared by the Methodist ladies can fully appreciate the excellence of the feast prepared.

The tables were very beautiful with their decorations of the flaming scarlet sage and the red candles while green foliage on the tables also added a touch that was in keeping with the beauty of the scene.

The younger girls of the church did the serving which was carried out with dispatch and the presence of the ladies added much to the attractiveness of the scene.

After the good things prepared had been disposed of by the diners the flow of reason was started by the genial toastmaster, William G. Kieck, who handled the task as ringmaster of the oratorical treats in an expert manner.

The opening number was a violin solo by George Caldwell that was well given and showed wonderful skill on the part of this young man. Mrs. Caldwell was the accompanist for her son, at the piano.

Representing the boys, Edward Patterson, who has been given high recognition by the scout authorities as one of the best and most faithful members of the organization, was given the difficult task of responding to the toast, "Come On, Dad," which he did very cleverly and won a hearty encore from the delighted auditors.

For the "Dads," Rev. Walter R. Robb of the Christian church, who has a son in the scouts, made the response and in which he took occasion to give a word of real praise for the work of the scouts and urged a greater understanding of the organization that is coming to occupy such a place of prominence in the boy life of the nation and a closer relationship of the boy in his "deans and the fathers.

Superintendent DeWolf, who is in touch with practically all of the boys of the city in the public school, gave a very interesting talk of a few moments covering the value of the modern education to the boys of the land in fitting them for the battle of life, the guidance of their thought and energies into the right channels that would fit them for the responsibilities of leadership as they must in time. He urged every boy to at least complete his high school work as necessary to fit him for the battle of life. He pointed out the education which is received in school and supplemented by the education received in the contact with the world and which the boy properly fitted can derive the greatest benefit.

Toastmaster Kieck, who had been gently roasting the various members appearing on the toast list, received a rather surprising retort from Mr. DeWolf in his remarks that for a few moments had the toastmaster "hanging on the ropes," but at the close of the remarks of the superintendent, the toastmaster came right back at him and the honors of the evening were agreed to be even.

"Tales Untold" was responded to by Henry Leacock and Edgar Westcott, Mr. Leacock, who has been a member of the scouts in other localities as well as here, telling of the good that he had derived from his work and the associations of the boys. Edgar Westcott gave a few of the details of the camp life which included the generally dreaded "K. P.," water carrying and guard duty which the boys have at their camp as strenuously as the army camps and those of the auditors who had been through the mill could but think that the boys were right in their viewpoint of the "K. P." duty in a camp of hungry boys or men.

The chief address of the evening was given by William Kent, chief scout executive of Lincoln and who has had a long experience in this line of boy training. Mr. Kent traced the growth of the scout movement from the origination of the idea

by General Baden-Powell of the British army and how the idea, growing strong in England, had been brought to this country and found favor with those who recognized its value as the training of boys to be the right kind of men for the nation. There were now in the scouts and their leaders in the United States 616,415 members and constantly growing. The two objectives of the scouts, Mr. Kent pointed out, were character building and citizen training, in both of which the scout ideals and practices proved most effective. Putting the boys in the proper atmosphere was bound to cause them to become the best of men as their energies directed along the right lines responded readily to the higher ideals, as they would the more base ones if the boy's life was laid along the lower ideals. The ages of the boys from twelve to eighteen were the most critical and in this period the speaker urged that they be given the opportunity of good associations and that their lives might be modeled along the higher lines such as the Boy Scouts offered.

The members of the party were entertained by two very delightful musical numbers by Dr. R. P. Westover which showed the richness of the voice of the singer and the well chosen songs. The doctor was compelled to respond to an encore.

The closing features of the banquet was the investiture services conducted by Scoutmaster C. H. Peden, Assistant Scoutmaster Henry Leacock and E. H. Westcott, chairman of the executive committee. There was promotion of Edward Patterson from second to first class scout and John Bauer, Jr., "Mickey" Turner and Ralph Connor from tenderfoot to second class scouts and several members admitted to the membership of the society.

Those who promoted the banquet may feel well pleased with the result and it is a safe guess that the fathers and sons all feel better over the association that they have had and many will in the next open season be glad to avail themselves of the suggestion of Mr. Kent that the dads get out and join the boys on their hikes and really get to understand each other. After all, the dads are but grown up editions of the boys and can still glimpse their own boyhood days and should have an appreciation of the thoughts and wishes of the boys.

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## CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Pitman of Murray Have Relatives and Friends With Them at Fete.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Fifty years ago yesterday, back in the state of Indiana, occurred the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Pitman of Murray and in honor of the event there was held the golden wedding anniversary yesterday at the family home where the bride and groom of the years gone by, surrounded by their family and friends, observed the day.

There are no finer people anywhere in the confines of Cass county than Mr. and Mrs. Pitman, who since 1870, have been residents of this locality and it was with the greatest of pleasure that the relatives and close friends of many years standing gathered to enjoy the day with them and extend the well wishes for many more such happy anniversaries.

The home was attractively decorated with flowers and at the noon hour one of the old fashioned dinners was enjoyed by the party of friends and over which the bride and groom presided with becoming dignity.

The members of the family gathered around the old home fireside for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Vance Pitman and daughter of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Sam O. Pitman of Long Beach, California; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis of Murray, Mrs. Glen Perry and son, Virgel, residing north of Murray, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Perry are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Pitman and Sam and Vance are sons of this estimable couple.

The old friends who participated in the dinner party and the general good time that marked the day were: Mrs. H. L. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Peter Perry, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. W. E. Dull, Rev. Graham and wife, and father, Mrs. Jas. A. Walker and daughter, Miss Margie, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Long, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Tuttle, C. H. Boedeker, Mrs. William Brown, S. G. Latta and son, James, and W. T. Adams and wife of Plattsmouth.

## WILL HOLD SALE

M. P. Fleming, residing west of this city on the former Harman Bester farm on the Louisville road, was here today for a few hours and a caller at the Journal office arranging for the bills for his public sale which will be held at the farm on Thursday, October 18. Mr. Fleming is preparing to move to Plattsmouth to make his home in the future.

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## NINE BODIES ARE FOUND AT LOUISVILLE

STILL THE SEARCH GOES ON FOR REMAINING THREE KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED.

## FUNERAL SERVICES BEING HELD

Volunteers are Clearing Up Debris—Homeless Cared for by More Fortunate Neighbors.

From Monday's Daily—

Stricken with the knowledge that twelve of their residents had been swept away in the flood of Friday night and that the business interests of the city and the property loss would total thousands of dollars, the citizens of Louisville are working to bring order out of the destruction and in the midst of their labors to lay away those of the dead whose bodies have been given up by the waters where they met their death.

With the streets torn and rutted where the force of the flood water passed, the business houses all bearing the marks of the high water that covered to a depth of several feet the interior of the first floors of them, Louisville was a scene of wreck and desolation on Saturday and even yesterday the signs of the tragedy of Friday night were very much in evidence despite the strenuous work that was performed Saturday by the people of that city and the neighboring towns.

The quest of the searchers Saturday for their dead, resulted in nine of the bodies being secured from places along the creek and beneath the debris where they had been washed when the McCarver home collapsed and was torn to atoms in the furor of the flooded stream. The bodies of Robert McCarver, William McCarver, Alfred Laird, Mrs. Alfred Laird, Herbert and William Laird, Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Pearl and Pauline Bronkow were taken from the wreckage on Saturday and early Sunday morning, and as each body was brought forth it drew a fresh grief of the families and friends of those who had been so tragically taken away.

The bodies of Mrs. William McCarver, Clarence Morgan, 5-year-old boy, and Mrs. Lou J. Smith were still unrecovered this morning and it is thought that they may have washed clear to the Platte river and the only hope is that the bodies may come to the surface of the river, although the search is still being carried on by the relatives and the force of volunteer workers.

As the men searched through the mud, water and debris for the bodies and were engaged in pumping water from the cellars of the business houses the women of the community who were not themselves engaged in searching, provided hot coffee and sandwiches for the workers and by their undaunted spirit inspired the others to the long task of reconstruction and labor that must come as the city again lifts its head from the bow of the tragedy.

Lines of rail communication are being established and which will permit the much needed supplies to reach the city and give some relief to the inhabitants who have been rendered homeless and desolate.

The funerals of William McCarver, Pearl and Pauline Bronkow and Mrs. J. W. Morgan were held yesterday and the services for Robert McCarver, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Laird and their two little sons will be held this afternoon. The volunteer workers at Louisville yesterday prepared the graves for the dead. Mrs. Morgan was a half sister of William Krisky of this city.

It will be several days before the full property loss can be estimated at Louisville and the plans of the business men for repairing the damages to their buildings made.

## ESTIMATED LOSS AT LOUISVILLE IS ALMOST \$50,000

This is Estimate Covering Property in Business Section of Louisville Visited by Flood.

From Tuesday's Daily—

A very conservative estimate of the property loss in the main section of Louisville lying along Main street, made by the residents there places the loss at \$47,250, but this does not include the loss in the resident district and the buildings that were located along Mill creek which were demolished by the force of the flood water.

The list of the various business properties and their losses made are as follows:  
W. F. Diers, gen. store.....\$10,000  
McCafferty Drug Co..... 3,500

Richard Kraft, gen. store.....	5,000
C. J. Pankonin, implements, Stander & Stander, hardware and furniture.....	1,000
F. H. Nichols, gen. store.....	2,000
Frank Johnson, restaurant.....	1,200
Robert McCarthy, gen. store, meat market.....	5,300
Home State Bank.....	1,000
City, damage to streets.....	2,000
Walter Reichart, meat market.....	1,900
Walter Blake, novelty store.....	1,500
Charles Detrich, garage.....	2,000
M. N. Drake, hotel and annex Louisville Courier, printing office.....	1,000
Mrs. Ernest Bock, restaurant.....	300
Ernest Bock, plumber.....	150
E. A. Pankonin, garage.....	400
Will Ossenkop, gen. store.....	400
Walter Stohlman, soft drink parlor.....	350
D. S. Smith, barber.....	250
Dr. A. M. Smith, dentist.....	500
Lincoln Tel. Co.....	500
Miss Marjorie Twiss, telephone operator.....	500
Farmers' Union Mer. Co., gen. store.....	800
Dr. E. H. Worthman, damage to building.....	200
R. C. Maier, auto supplies.....	500
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A. Pederson, blacksmith.....	200
Crabill Jeweler.....	300
Kabler Pottery Co.....	300
Total.....	\$47,250

## OUTSIDE TOWNS AID IN RELIEF WORK AT LOUISVILLE

Visitors From All Parts of County While at Louisville Lend a Hand in Relief Work.

From Monday's Daily—

With one of the worst storms in the history of the fair city of Louisville when she lost twelve of her citizens and many were driven from their homes with the waters which overtook the streets taking homes and many business houses from their foundations and filling all the main portion of the town with water in cellars and buildings and rendering them almost uninhabitable, the citizenry of Louisville grappled with the catastrophe in a way that is to be admired. All citizens laugh and say it could have been worse, for we escaped with our lives and our families. The few paltry dollars which had cost us nothing to obtain the safety of the loved ones. The dollars themselves ran into thousands of dollars and will require many months' work to place the city in its former position. All deplore the loss of the lives of the unfortunate family, and also the conditions which exist with its associated losses. Here in spirit, Louisville is going ahead with cleaning up her city and resuming her normal life. The brotherhood of feelings which has been evinced by all the county at her loss is worth much to this city and to the unity of the county. All the town and the people of the county should have come to their assistance. The writer was at Louisville and was especially pleased that all were lending a helping hand in this time of their distress.

Weeping Water was foremost in her efforts to get things straightened out and were making the pumps and assisting in other ways, joined by citizens of Nebraska, Union, Murray, Manley, Elmwood, Plattsmouth, South Bend, Alvo, Murdock, Eagle Avoca and Greenwood.

Many acts of heroism and self sacrifice were exhibited in the time when the city was in darkness and the torrent of waters rushing through the streets. It was with much difficulty that Mr. and Mrs. George Schoeman were rescued from their home after it had floated from its foundation and lodged against a tree which only prevented it from going down Mill creek into the river. Mrs. Clifford and her family just escaped before the home was surrounded.

Mrs. Ezra Crabill and one of her sons grabbed a little girl a piece of their next door neighbor's and carried them to safety. Mart Williams also assisted in the rescuing of some neighbors and to commendate those who by self sacrifice kept the loss of life from being many more would require the writing of a book.

While all towns and the country folk of the county were anxious to do all they could and rendered help we are especially pleased and wish to express our admiration to the loyal work which the lady of Weeping Water did in this time of the distress of this fair city.

COMMISSIONEES' MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—

The board of county commissioners are meeting today and threshing out the claims that have arisen in the past month connected with the management of the affairs of the county. The board will also probably take up the matter of the repair of the bridges near Louisville and in the northwest section of the county which were damaged very badly in the recent floods.

Mrs. John Hiber was a visitor in Omaha today where she was called to receive treatment there of a specialist.

## GIVE FAREWELL PARTY DANCE FOR URSULA HEROLD

Misses Mia and Barbara Gering Hostesses Saturday Night in Honor of Their Niece.

From Monday's Daily—

The charming Gering home on North 6th street, was the scene of a most delightful gathering of young people on Saturday evening when Misses Mia and Barbara Gering entertained at a dancing party in honor of their niece, Miss Ursula Herold, who is to attend college this winter at the Cathedral school at Washington, D. C.

The beauty of the home was enhanced by the lavish use of candles, which were placed at the windows and throughout the rooms and cast a pleasing glow over the scene of merriment and pleasure.

During the course of the evening the members of the party spent the time in singing songs that were heard at their best in the voices of the young people. Miss Helen Westcott at the piano and Ruth Shannon with the ukulele, assisted materially in the pleasantness of the musical numbers as well as blending their voices nicely in the vocal numbers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and at which the members of the party derived the greatest of pleasure for a period of several hours.

At an appropriate hour the hostesses, assisted by the Misses Lorene and Marie Windham served a very tasty and delicious refreshment.

The invited guests were Misses Helen Clement, Alice Louise Westcott, Helen Westcott, Ruth Shannon, Helen and Edith Farley, Thelma Kroehler, Elizabeth Waddick, Eleanor McCarty, Gladys Bosley, Mary Margaret Walling, Bernice and Laura Galt, Jean Swartzlander, of Sidney, Helen and Edith Ledgway, Messrs. Miller, Harigus, Anderson, Tucher, Ladkey, William and George Schmidtman, Forest Strader, William Schlatter, Frank and Marie Herold, Misses Edna and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herold, of Omaha.

DEATH OF PROMINENT CHURCHMAN AT FREMONT, NEB.

William H. Young, Well Known in This City, Passes Away After Few Months of Illness.

From Monday's Daily—

The Plattsmouth friends of the William H. Young family at Fremont were greatly sorrow stricken to learn of the death at that place on Saturday of William H. Young, well known Episcopalian churchman of the state, and who with his wife has been a frequent visitor here at the home of the Gering family and also at the St. Luke's rectory.

Mr. Young has been in poor health for some months and has been kept confined to his apartment for some time so the death was not unexpected to the members of the family. He has been the traffic manager for the Fremont chamber of commerce for the past few years and which occupied his time while at resident of the Dodge county city until his fatal illness.

The deceased was probably best known by his activities in the Episcopal church of the state and was on the advisory committee to the bishop of Nebraska and worked in conjunction with the heads of the church for the best interests of the diocese.

In his younger days Mr. Young was with the Union Pacific in the traffic department and made his home at Denver for a long period of years. William H. Young was born in Boston and made his home in the east for the greater part of his lifetime. He came west in 1891 and settled in Colorado and one year later was married to Henrietta L. Titus of New York. They resided in Colorado until 1909 when Mr. Young accepted the position at Fremont.

The funeral services will be held at the Trinity cathedral at Omaha and attended by many of the distinguished clergy and members of the church boards over the state. The interment will be at New York. Mr. Young is survived by the widow, two sisters and a brother, residing at Boston.

DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON,

Yesterday afternoon, Miss Ursula Herold departed for Omaha where she joined Mrs. J. J. Foster and daughter, Miss Marcella, and her trio departed for Washington, D. C., where Miss Herold is to enter the Cathedral school for girls while Miss Foster will enter the Colonial school. At the station here there were a large number of the young friends to bid Miss Ursula farewell on her journey.

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## DECISIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

From Tuesday's Daily—

At the session of the district court yesterday Judge Bealey heard the arguments in the motion for a new trial in the case of C. Lawrence Stull vs. John Elliott and the defendant was given ten days to make showing and the motion set for hearing on October 13. H. H. Kuppinger and W. J. Weingarten of Omaha argued for Mr. Stull and W. A. Robertson of this city for Mr. Elliott. In the former trial the verdict was given for the defendant.

In the case of the Bank of Commerce of Louisville vs. William B. Spencer et al. there was a hearing to the court of the default of the Bank of Waverly entered and order entered setting the claim of the Lincoln Safe Deposit Co. as the first lien and that of the Bank of Commerce and the Manley State bank as second liens in the case.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS A VERY INTERESTING MEETING

Mrs. John F. Gorder Elected President of Club—Topics of Interest Are Discussed.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The auditorium of the library was well filled with members last night when the club was called to order by Mrs. John F. Gorder, president. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, reports of the various committees were read and accepted. That of the civic committee given by Mrs. C. C. Westcott, being of special interest. A letter from New York was read asking the endorsement of a resolution substituting English for Latin terms in the description of the ingredients of pure food packages.

The resignation of Mrs. R. P. Westover as president was read and regretfully accepted. Mrs. Gorder, Mrs. Gladys Bosley, Mary Margaret Walling, Bernice and Laura Galt, Jean Swartzlander, of Sidney, Helen and Edith Ledgway, Messrs. Miller, Harigus, Anderson, Tucher, Ladkey, William and George Schmidtman, Forest Strader, William Schlatter, Frank and Marie Herold, Misses Edna and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herold, of Omaha.

Mrs. Christ next introduced to the club, Miss Fields, the new supervisor of music of the high school, who entranced her audience with two charming selections on the piano. The leader next called upon various members for three minute talks upon "The Needs of Our City." These who responded were Mrs. Lingsch, Miss Gutman, Mrs. Sedgwick and Mrs. Flynn. These speakers emphasized the need of a welfare board, a curfew ordinance, a rigid enforcement of a non-spitting ordinance, the making of a cinder path to the Mercantile school, the grading and seeding of the tourist park, the organization of a Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. for our young people, the need of more courtesy in the enforcement of the law, better housing conditions and the promotion of a friendly spirit to all newcomers.

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISITS LOUISVILLE

Delegation Bearing \$500 Raised in a Few Hours' Campaign Goes to Suffering People.

From Tuesday's Daily—

After the committee of the chamber of commerce, composed of Ed Fricke, J. W. Crabill, Philip Thieroff, E. H. Westcott, F. M. Bestor and Searl Davis, had finished his solicitation of the business district yesterday morning for funds to be given to the needy of Louisville, it was found that the free will gifts of the residents of the main section of the business district had reached \$400 and the board of directors at their session decided to add to this the funds raised to defray the expense of the Eagles band to Weeping Water but which had not been used owing to the storm that occurred last Friday. This fund was something like \$45 and represented largely small contributions and as it was a most laudible cause the committee decided to add it to the relief fund, which, with other contributions, made the total run up to \$500.

The delegation going to Louisville was composed of John P. Sattler, F. M. Bestor, R. A. Bates, E. H. Westcott and they found on their arrival there at the stricken city that the conditions while being rapidly remedied by the hard work of the Louisville people was still very bad and with the 100 per cent damage suffered by the business interests of that city in the flood it will be some time before the conditions are anything like normal.

The committee placed the funds in the hands of W. F. Diers and Reese Hastain of the Bank of Commerce for distribution as needed and made clear to the Louisville people that the money is a purely neighborly offering to which the homeless and needy have the full right and it is the desire that it be applied in any case where there is need of food, clothing and shelter to the persons rendered homeless in the flood. Mr. Diers, receiving the funds for the Louisville people, was greatly affected and found difficulty in expressing his appreciation for the people of his home town for the kindly act of their neighbors.

The subscription lists for Louisville relief are to be kept open for those who may desire to make additional contributions which may be done by calling on any of the committee and placing their money with them and it will be at once sent to Louisville for use of the relief committee.

ARE GREAT GRANDPARENTS

From Tuesday's Daily—

W. T. Smith and wife of this city are enjoying the distinction of being great grandparents, owing to the arrival of a fine eight pound daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller in Omaha. Mrs. Miller, the mother, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, the former being the eldest son of W. T. Smith and wife. The great grandparents are very much pleased with the new honors bestowed on them and will soon visit the little lady at the home in Omaha.

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