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## DEFENSE DAY SERVICES ARE HELD IN CHURCHES SUNDAY

Presbyterian and Methodist Churches Hold Special Services to Learn of Defense Day.

From Monday's Daily— In two of the churches of the city yesterday there were held services that were largely devoted to discussions of the Defense day program which is to be held over the nation on Friday, September 12th, and in which the government is requesting the citizenship in general to participate.

At the First Presbyterian church at the morning service there was a very able sermon on the patriotic thoughts of the day and this was followed by a discussion of the aims and purposes of national Defense day, an event that has largely been misunderstood by the citizenship of the nation, and to enlighten Plattsmouth people as to its real purpose. Captain Harrison L. Gayer spoke briefly and to the point, clearing the impression that the day was intended as a great military demonstration and pointing out that its purpose was merely a test of the defense act of the government that had been arranged as a special tribute to General Pershing and would be a practical survey of the extent to which the act, passed by congress, is feasible.

In the evening, Captain Gayer spoke at the First Methodist church to a very large congregation and his remarks were followed by the congregation with the greatest of interest and cleared up many of the false impressions that had been gained in the various arguments offered pro and con on the subject. In addition to this the pastor, Rev. F. E. Pfontz, spoke briefly of the attitude of the church which was not opposed to the carrying out of the government program and had been misquoted as to their world peace program which the church had launched for international peace. The two addresses gave the persons in attendance a much clearer appreciation of the event which is to occur next Friday and which will mark the actual test of the working ability of the national defense act. As was shown, the participation in the event is purely voluntary.

To add to the interest of the meeting there were a number of patriotic songs sung by the young men's choir of the church.

## SLUGGERS CHECK UP ANOTHER

From Monday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon the members of the St. Adelbert school of Omaha, came down to meet their old rivals, the Bohemian Sluggers of this city, and as the result the Sluggers were able to add another to their list of victories as they won by the score of 14 to 13.

The Sluggers used a large array of pitching talent in the game to check the Bohemians. Russell Reed, Tom McGraw, Ernest Janda and Robert Egan being sent to the mound by Manager Frank Sedlacek, and succeeded in holding down their opponents, while "Bub" Krejci did the receiving for the Sluggers. The Omaha team was leading in the sixth by the score of 8 to 2 and the skies were very dark for the locals but in the seventh a strong batting spree of the locals netted them a lead of eight runs that they maintained. Home runs were credited to "Bub" and Joe Krejci, and Raymond Krieger while William Skerfving of the St. Adelbert team annexed one of the circuit clouts.

## PLATT-KIGER.

Harry Platt and Miss Grace Kiger motored to Atlantic, Iowa, Friday where they were united in marriage, bringing to a climax a romance of several years standing. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Platt, sister of the groom, and Richard Kiger brother of the bride. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Platt went to Des Moines where they spent their honeymoon.

The bride was charming in a gown of tan brocaded crepe with hat and accessories to match and carried a bouquet of Mrs. Ward roses.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Platt of Papillion. He has spent the greater part of his life here and has been prominent in the social affairs of the community. During the past two years he has held a lucrative position with the Ford Motor company branch in Plattsmouth.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kiger, prominent pioneer family of Springfield and vicinity. She is a graduate of the Springfield high school and has taught in the public schools of the county several years. She is an accomplished young lady and popular.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt upon their return will make their home in Plattsmouth.—Papillion Times.

W. P. Cook and wife departed yesterday for Avoca where they will spend the next two weeks visiting and where Mr. Cook will have charge of the barber shop of Mr. Hennings, who is to be married this week.

## HOLD BIG MEETING

From Monday's Daily— Visitors to the city today from the Schawika report that a very large meeting was staged there Saturday evening by the Ku Klux Klan and which was addressed by the Rev. J. W. Henderson, organizer for Cass and Otoe counties. The meeting was held right in the town of Nehawka and the crowd in attendance was estimated at from 1,300 to 1,500 by those who were near the scene of the meeting. The speaker was accompanied by some 20 of the gowned members of the order who acted as attendants at the meeting and directing traffic in the grounds. This is the first meeting of the order at Nehawka although they have met at various other places in the past summer including Plattsmouth, Weeping Water, Louisville and Eagle.

## CAPTURE STRANGER WITH GUN AT MURRAY MONDAY

Sheriff and Deputy Apprehend Man in Stock Car in Murray Railroad Yards.

From Wednesday's Daily— Last evening Sheriff E. P. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff Young were at Murray where they were called in search of a man reported to have stolen a revolver at Weeping Water, and the officers after a search thru the railroad yards at Murray located the man they desired reposing in the upper deck of a stock car and rudely awoke him to notify him that he would have to come on to the county seat and get his rest in the confines of the county jail.

The man gave the name of August Krust and confessed that he had taken the revolver as charged but had disposed of the weapon. A search of the man revealed the fact that he had another gun on him and which was taken possession of by the sheriff.

The man will probably have a charge of theft as well as concealed weapons filed against him by County Attorney Capwell.

## ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

From Monday's Daily— One of the pleasant social gatherings of the past few weeks was the bridge tea given Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Mesdames Waldemar Soennichsen and George F. Dovey. The home was very prettily arranged with the cosmos and asters of the fall season and made a very attractive feature of the afternoon. The event was in honor of Miss Virginia Beeson, who is to leave this week for Los Angeles to resume her school work there.

Those attending the occasion were: Misses Virginia and Helen Beeson, Ruth Shannon, Alice Louise Westcott, Marguerite Wiles, Helen Westcott, Ursula Herold, Grace Beeson, Violet Begley, Elva Hartford, Murna Wolfe, Mrs. J. D. Hawksworth of Lincoln and Mrs. A. J. Beeson.

## WEDDING RITES HELD TWICE

From Monday's Daily— To make sure that they would be very, very firmly married, Miss Mary K. Ketcham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ketcham, 618 South Ninth street, Council Bluffs, and Dr. John A. Griffin, Omaha, were married twice in rapid succession last week.

Dr. Griffin and Miss Ketcham obtained a marriage license in Council Bluffs Wednesday and were married a few minutes later by Municipal Judge Dan Sheehan.

Thursday they were married again at St. Mary Magdalene church, Omaha.

Dr. Griffin is a graduate of Creighton Dental college. He and his bride will make their home in Plattsmouth, Neb., after October 1.—Omaha Bee.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Wednesday's Daily— Mrs. L. E. Vroman this morning received the sad news of the death at Salina, Kansas, of her oldest living sister, Mrs. Ida Fowler, who passed away after an illness of some duration. Mrs. Fowler was a former resident of Lakeview, Iowa, and has for the last few years been residing at Salina with her daughter. The funeral services will be held at Lexington, Nebraska, on Thursday and Mr. and Mrs. Vroman will attend the last services there. In her loss, Mrs. Vroman will have the deep sympathy of the host of friends.

## WILL LEAVE FOR SCHOOL

From Wednesday's Daily— This evening Miss Ruth Shannon departs for Nevada, Missouri, where she will enter the Coty college there for the fall and winter term. This is one of the leading girls' colleges in the west and provides a very high class course of study in all of the lines of educational work and Miss Shannon is anticipating a very profitable and pleasant year in the college.

## PROTESTING THEIR CONVICTION IN SARPY COUNTY

Fred A. Holmes and William Grebe Thru Attorneys, File Briefs in the Supreme Court.

From Wednesday's Daily— Declaring their conviction to be a slap at law enforcement in Nebraska, and, if sustained, a serious obstacle to future prosecution of liquor violations, William A. Grebe and Fred A. Holmes have filed with the supreme court a brief protesting against them by the district court of Sarpy county.

The first two counts charged them with usurping the power of a deputy state sheriff by representing themselves to be such officers and the other two alleged they had falsely imprisoned William Schwartz. They were fined \$50 on each of three counts and \$250 on the others.

The defendants say that they could not have been guilty of usurpation as no such office exists in the state as deputy state sheriff, and none could exist save by legislative enactment. They say that they were made deputies by T. W. Carroll, chief law enforcement officer of Nebraska, popularly known as state sheriff and that he furnished them with badges which described them as "deputy state sheriffs."

They say that they went out to Schwartz's place and there found seven barrels each containing fifty gallons of wine, that Schwartz said he had made for his own use, a posterous claim, they say. They told him to appear the next day at the sheriff's office. This was the basis for the charge of false imprisonment. They say it could not possibly constitute imprisonment, as something more than mere words is necessary. They take the ground that false imprisonment is the unlawful detention without consent, of an individual.

The attorneys are bitter in their comment on the fact that they were punished and Schwartz was not, and that under the instructions of the court the jury took the word of bootleggers as against their own statement.—State Journal.

## CHILD HAS ACCIDENT

From Monday's Daily— Last evening, what could easily have been a serious accident occurred on Chicago avenue and furnished a thrill and fright for the motorists who were passing along there at the time. Toward evening the car belonging to Albert Altschaff was being driven north along the avenue and when near the residence of M. S. Briggs the little three-year-old child who was riding in the car, suddenly fell from it to the pavement and so quick did the accident happen that the autos in the rear of the Altschaff machine had barely time to swing out to avoid running over the helpless child. As soon as the auto could be stopped the parents hastened back to where the child had fallen and were rejoiced to find that he had not sustained the serious injuries and was not in the least damaged and being placed back in the car the journey was continued. The incident was closed by scaring the children and the other motorists who were near the scene of the accident as it seemed certain the little child had been killed by the fall.

## RESIGNS POSITION HERE

From Wednesday's Daily— Miss Nell Livingston, who has been teaching here for the past two terms in the high school, has resigned her position here to accept a more lucrative one at Denver where she will teach in one of the large schools there. Miss Livingston was very desirous of accepting her new position at the opening of the school year but being under contract here, returned to take up her work at the commencement of the school year. She has since decided to take up her new position and therefore departed Sunday for the west to take up her work. The board of education has not as yet secured another teacher for the English department but has a number of teachers in view. The many friends of Miss Livingston trust that she may find the greatest of success in her new field of educational work.

## TALENTED LADY HERE

From Monday's Daily— The members of the congregation of the First Methodist church were treated to a most enjoyable offering yesterday morning at the devotional hour, when Miss Ethel Mays of Wahoo, who was an over Sunday guest at the Pfoutz home, gave two vocal numbers at this service. The first of these numbers was "God's Call" and at the close of the sermon she sang "Amen," a very high class training school where she is taking up her work as a singing evangelist and showed marked progress in her line of work and her pleasing voice is a great addition to the religious work that she is to follow.

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## WAS A GREAT GATHERING

From Monday's Daily— The Davis meeting in Omaha Saturday evening was one of the greatest gatherings in that city in many months and the crowd that assembled within the walls and in the vicinity of the auditorium gave the candidate for president a real welcome to the great west. John W. Davis, with his magnetic personality made a deep impression and his argument and logic in his speech was heard with great interest and enthusiasm by all of the large audience. There were many Plattsmouth people present at the auditorium to greet Mr. Davis and Governor Charles W. Bryan, the standard bearers of the democratic party. There were eight thousand jammed into the auditorium and at least half that many more in the streets in the vicinity of the building to receive the address thru the loud speakers.

## BAD FIRE OCCURS AT CROOKTOWN MONDAY NIGHT

Settlement West of Army Post Suffers Loss of \$10,000 to Buildings and Contents.

From Wednesday's Daily— Fire leveled two homes and a big barn in Crooktown, near Fort Crook, yesterday, causing a loss estimated at nearly 10 thousand dollars.

The homes destroyed were those of Carl Rutledge and Mrs. Estella Rushart, the postmistress, and the Rusharts also lost their barn.

Arrival of the volunteer fire brigade from Fort Crook under Lieutenant Dye and two companies of South Omaha firemen, saved adjoining homes, threatened by a stiff wind blowing from the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushart, living next door to the blazing Rutledge home, where the fire started, were asleep, unaware their barn was in flames, menacing the house. "We were awakened by the barking of our dog," Mrs. Rushart said. "If it hadn't been for him, we certainly would have been trapped."

The Rusharts got out with a small bundle of clothing. The flames leaped from the barn, setting fire to the roof of the house which was quickly consumed. The only things saved, a washboard, a bar of soap, wash basin and towel.

## BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT FOR ROBBERY

Three Men Arrested for Burglary of W. E. Keedy Store at Union Are Bound Over for trial.

From Wednesday's Daily— The three men, Ray Matthews, Ferd McCoy, and Jack Knight, who were arrested at Council Bluffs, Ia., several weeks ago following several days search by Sheriff Stewart over this part of the state, and suspected of having participated in the robbery of the Keedy drug store at Union, were brought before County Judge Allen J. Beeson yesterday to have their preliminary hearing.

The men on the reading of the complaint by County Attorney J. A. Capwell entered a plea of guilty and accordingly were bound over to the district court for trial at the coming term of court.

## FUNERAL OF JOHN P. HILT

From Wednesday's Daily— The funeral services of the late John Peter Hilt of Glenwood, were held yesterday at Pacific Junction and the body taken to the old home at Nebraska City where the interment was made at the St. Benedict cemetery. Ralph Hilt of this city, a son, who his family was present at the services and accompanied the funeral cortege to Nebraska City.

Mr. Hilt was sixty-seven years of age and had come to Nebraska City when a young man and followed his trade of marble cutter there and also at Glenwood to which place he removed a number of years ago. He has been suffering from tuberculosis for some time and the death was not unexpected. He is survived by the wife, four grown sons, among whom is Ralph Hilt of this city, and two daughters.

In the bereavement that has come to him in the loss of his father, Mr. Hilt will have the deep sympathy of the many friends here.

## WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily— Mrs. A. G. Bach of this city, who has been at the St. Catherine hospital in Omaha for the past week taking treatment, will, if her condition permits, be operated on at the hospital the last of this week. Mrs. Bach has the best wishes of her host of friends and a speedy recovery from the effects of the operation and that she may soon be able to return home, permanently relieved of her illness.

## DEFENSE DAY PLANS PROMISE GREAT INTEREST

Enlistments Here and Special Program Friday Afternoon to Mark the Day.

From Wednesday's Daily— The observance of national Defense day on Friday here promises much interest as a practical working out of the national defense act and a general survey of the country as to the effectiveness of the act as a great peaceful defense act.

There is nothing that can be construed as a militaristic move in the day, as the governmental department heads have pointed out, there is nothing in the day that cannot be approved by the most ardent lover of peace and which is the general sentiment of the American people.

Here in Plattsmouth the day will be observed with suitable exercises at the court house lawn Friday afternoon, probably at 4 o'clock. If it is possible, the Eagles band will be out to assist in the exercises as well as the parade of the members of the defense day organizations and the double male quartet, which was heard here at the Masonic Home cornerstone laying, will also be on hand to take part in the ceremonies.

Col. Eaton of the Seventh Army Corps headquarters will be here to inspect the defense day activities and especially the working of the peace time army program.

This city is the headquarters of Co. F, 25th Infantry, a skeleton organization of the national army and which exists merely on paper at this time and will be so until the time when necessity might make necessary the defense of the nation. Captain Harrison L. Gayer is assigned as the head of the company and will receive the volunteers who for the day will be a part of the national army. The members of the company are not signing any enlistment or binding themselves for service in the army but merely appear and assist in the swelling of the skeleton organization to its full strength and to have the company reported as being present and efficient for activity.

In addition to the infantry company, Major G. H. Gilmore, M. C., will have a medical detachment here to prepare to serve in the emergency and which will also be a paper organization.

Members of the Citizens' Military training camps, reserve officers schools, American Legion, Spanish war veterans, Boy Scouts and other organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution will participate in the exercises and the test of the defense day act.

The members who will join in the formation of the one day company should report to Captain Gayer Friday morning or any time during the day at the company headquarters, which will be in the court house.

## LIVE WIRE COMING HERE

This city is to have the addition to the business men of the community of one of the live wire citizens of Nebraska City, in the person of T. D. Brown of that place, who is the owner of the well known and popular Brown's park. Mr. Brown has purchased the restaurant here owned by William M. Barclay, and expects to come here to take charge of the business by October 1st. Mr. Brown expects to manage the restaurant until in the spring when he will return to Nebraska City to open up the park there which has grown to be one of the popular amusement places of the Otoe county city. Mr. Brown has had a great deal of experience in this line of work and should place the restaurant in very high class shape for the use of the Plattsmouth people.

## FORMER TEACHER HERE

This afternoon, Miss Mona Keif, a former teacher in the Plattsmouth high school, arrived here for a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rawls and other of the friends of her friends of the past when she was numbered here as one of the teachers. Miss Keif is on her way to Saxton River, Vermont, where she is to take up her work as instructor in one of the large private schools for ladies in the New England states. Miss Mable Pollard, also a former Plattsmouth instructor, is teaching at this Vermont school.

## CANDIDATE VISITS THE CITY

R. H. Thorpe, republican candidate for congress in this district against Congressman Morehead, was here last evening and this morning looking over the local situation and conferring with his friends and supporters relative to the forthcoming battle of the ballots when the voters will decide between him and the present officer, congressman as to who will represent the people of this district for the next two years at Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal who have been spending in the past week at Iowa City, Iowa with relatives and old time friends, returned this morning, on the early Burlington train after a most pleasant outing.

## CAR GOES INTO DITCH

From Wednesday's Daily— A car load of colored people Sunday had a rather rough finish to their joy ride when the car in which they were riding crashed into the ditch near the turn into Union on the federal highway. The parties were going south on the Highway and apparently were going at too high a rate of speed to make the turn into Union and with the result that the car crashed across the roadway, through the fence and into the orchard of W. B. Banning. One of the ladies in the party sustained a severe cut on her face that required medical attention to dress. The parties stated that they were from Omaha and after recovering from the effects of the accident they returned to the metropolis.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD YEAR'S ELECTION

Officers Who Have Guided Council So Successfully in Past Year Are Re-elected.

From Monday's Daily— Yesterday the members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus met at their lodge rooms to take up the important matter of the selection of the officers for the ensuing year. The gentlemen who have presided over the destinies of the council in the past year have performed their duties so well that they were re-elected to the various positions and will have the opportunity of further assisting in the advancement of their order and carrying out the program for the coming winter months. The officers named were: Grand Knight—John J. Cloldt. Deputy Grand Knight—Joseph J. Wooster.

Chancellor—O. M. Kintz. Recording Secretary—John L. Hadraba. Financial Secretary—W. A. Swattek.

Treasurer—L. W. Lorenz. For the position of trustees for the coming three years, P. A. Horn was named, and with A. B. Smith and August Bach, he will conduct the business affairs of the council. There was a very fine attendance of the members and it was decided that as soon as the cool fall weather arrives to stay that a large class initiation will be held.

## RECEIVES FIRST PRIZE

Mrs. John B. Kaffenberger, residing west of this city on the Louisville road, was one of the successful prize winners at the Nebraska state fair just closed at Lincoln. Mrs. Kaffenberger, who has a great reputation for her excellent cooking among her friends and neighbors, had been induced to enter one of her cakes at the state fair and did not consider it seriously as a prize winner in competition with several of the elaborate confections offered. The exhibits numbered twenty-nine cakes and the judges evidently showed real appreciation of good cooking in giving the first prize to Mrs. Kaffenberger.

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