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NEW YEAR IS GIVEN FITTING WELCOME HERE

MANY PRIVATE PARTIES HELD TO FITTINGLY USHER IN 1924.

MANY DANCE OUT OLD YEAR

Occasion Greeted With Noise and Frolic as Old Year Speeds on its Way Into the Past.

From Thursday's Daily.— The welcome to the new year of 1925 was given in a very whole-hearted manner in this city and while the occasion lacked the features that usher in the new year in the large cities it gave the residents an opportunity of enjoying a few hours of frolic and fun as the new year came on.

A large part of the population were present at the dance given by the Plattsmouth volunteer fire department at the Eagles hall and the spirit of the happy event was in evidence at this gathering as the hall was filled with the many couples dancing away the time until near 1 o'clock in the morning.

The approach of the passing of the old year was marked by the increasing number on the streets and the cheers and laughter that greeted the new year with its promise of unfulfilled hopes for the future. Auto parties driving along the street sounding their horns added to the greetings to the new year festivities.

The occasion was also observed in a large number of homes with private parties that ushered in the new year in a fitting manner while a large number motored to Omaha where they enjoyed the wild time of the metropolitan observance of the event that followed the close of the theatres and the dancing and dinner parties that were a part of the usual city observance.

While the occasion lacked the moister of other years, everyone seemed to have a real time and to feel that they had made 1924 fittingly welcome and the start made on the New Year resolutions that have each year been vowed anew.

In keeping with the usual custom of the first portion of the year, the clubs and the business houses of the city, the banks, county and city offices are closed and participating in the holiday and the postoffice activities limited to the receiving and dispatching of mail.

MAY LOCATE OIL

From Friday's Daily.— Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city is making a trip down into the southern portion of the state of Kansas where he has some land interests and where the oil drilling activities have opened up in the last few weeks and gives hopes of spotting a gusher on the land of the Plattsmouth attorney. There are many active drilling operations in that locality and the heavy producing fields of the state are not a great many miles from the farm that Mr. Tidd owns. It is to be hoped that the search for oil may be successful and that A. L. may become a member of the oil magnates of the central west in the near future when the drilling operations on his land are commenced.

RETURNING TO CITY

W. P. Cook, who has been conducting a barber shop at Alvo for the past few weeks, has, according to reports from that city, disposed of his shop and will again return to Plattsmouth, his old home. Mr. Cook had been running a barber shop here prior to going to Alvo and it is expected that he will again open up a shop here in the near future if a suitable location can be secured.

ENJOY EXCELLENT DANCE

From Friday's Daily.— The second of Elks holiday dances was given last night at their club house in this city which was attended by a large number of Elks and their families and friends. The Glenwood orchestra of Omaha furnished the music for the occasion and provided some of the best dance music ever heard in the city. The crowd of merrymakers continued their good time until past the midnight before they would leave the pleasures of the terpsichorean art.

DO YOU want to buy or sell. Let the public know thru Journal want ads.

PEACE REIGNS SUPREME

From Thursday's Daily.— The New Year's day as far as police circles are concerned is one of the most peaceful in the history of the city and nothing to mar the peace and serenity of the day was noted. Chief of Police Henriksen had a number of very nice and warm calls awaiting for some occupant, but they remained empty and the chief was able to enjoy a quiet day. Last evening the night police were on the alert for any wrongdoing that might be going on but found nothing of a serious nature in the ushering in of the glad new year. One young man was gathered into the folds of the law for using rather loud and profane language on the street but was allowed to go later with the warning to be careful of his language in the future.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

Joined by Other Organizations of the Methodist Church in Pleasant New Year's Party.

From Thursday's Daily.— The speeding of the year 1924 and the welcoming of the new year of 1925 was fittingly observed last evening at the First Methodist church when the Epworth League and several of the Sunday school organizations joined in a very pleasing watch party that lasted until past the midnight hour.

The evening opened with the regular mid-week prayer service at the church conducted by Rev. Frank Emory Ploutz, pastor of the church and in which the pastor gave, by aid of the blackboard talk, a resume of the work of 1924 from the standpoint of church progress and an outline of what might be looked forward to in the coming year, and this served to pass the time until 9 o'clock when the meeting was turned over to the social department of the Epworth League of which Miss Laura Leacock is president, and which had arranged the pleasing program of entertainment for the evening. Rev. Ploutz also assisted in the program and a real social time was enjoyed by all of the party. Games and contests and other social features marked the passing of the old year and making way for the coming season. At 11 o'clock the refreshment committee was called upon and served very dainty and delicious refreshments of chocolate and waters that proved a real treat to the members of the party and were enjoyed to the utmost by everyone.

At the nearing approach of the midnight hour the young people all prepared new resolutions along the lines of their church activities, which were passed around and read by the members of the party and showed some very inspiring resolutions on the part of the young people.

At 11:45 Rev. Ploutz took charge of the meeting and gave a very interesting talk on the inspiration for the new year in the church and its various societies and concluding with the prayer for the coming year as the clocks chimed out the passing of the old year.

As the old year died, the bell of the church was rung, sounding out a tuneful welcome to 1925 and the glad wish for a greater and better year in the church.

PLENTY OF WILD GAME

From Thursday's Daily.— Eugene Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parker of this city, who is home now for a three weeks' visit with the parents, and particularly the mother, who has been in very poor health for some time, reports that up in the northeastern portion of the state of Washington, where he has been located, there is a wealth of wild game and some fine hunting. The section of the state of Washington where Eugene is located is that portion devoted to the lumber industry and there are thousands of acres of the very finest timber that furnishes shelter to the wild deer, antelope and bear, and the lumber camp residents have some real hunting trips as they get out in the winter season and bag themselves a few deer or bears. At the time that Mr. Parker left there, the temperature was ranging close to 30 degrees below zero and which is unusually cold for that section.

YELLOW CAB LINE

Clarence Cotner, who has had charge of the taxi line operating in this city for the past few years, is now planning to give the residents of the city a new feature as Clarence has secured two yellow cabs that he will have in service in a very short time and which will take the place of the present line of taxis that he is operating. The new cars will be distinct and something new in this city and Mr. Cotner is feeling that they will be much appreciated by the residents of the community.

When you see the new bright yellow hued motor vehicles on the street you will know the reason why.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOLDS ITS ELECTION

NEW OFFICERS OF CHURCH ARE SELECTED AT MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

YEAR HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVE

Members Feel Well Pleased With the Showing Made and Enter New Year With Courage.

From Friday's Daily.— Yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of the congregation of the First Christian church of this city was held at the church building at Eighth and Elm street and a very pleasing number were out to enjoy the meeting and to participate in the election of officers of the church.

The occasion was presided over by the Rev. Walter R. Robb, the very able and efficient pastor of the church. The members of the church made the occasion one of real enjoyment and of sociability as the members came with their well laden baskets and had dinner at the church where they discussed the affairs of the church and made their arrangements for the selection of the officers who are to have the governing of the church for the year.

In the election of the elders of the church for the ensuing year, Thomas Wiles, Luke L. Wiles, P. F. Rhin and E. M. Godwin were chosen. In the election of the deacons of the church for the ensuing year, O. C. Hudson, J. R. Stine, Clyde Graves, A. M. Woodburn, J. H. Graves, Ervin Myers, W. E. Clark, Earl Hackenberg.

The following ladies were named as the deaconesses of the church for the ensuing year: Mesdames W. F. Clark, J. H. Graves, A. M. Woodburn, J. R. Stine, O. C. Hudson, P. F. Rhin and Thomas and Luke L. Wiles.

The Sunday school of the church selected Mrs. F. Rhin as chairman and president for the ensuing year and Clyde Graves assistant superintendent. The remaining officers of the Sunday school selected were: Earl Hackenberg, secretary; P. F. Rhin, treasurer; Iona Graves, librarian; Doris Winecott, assistant librarian; Evelyn Robb, pianist; Marjorie Pickett, assistant.

The church has had a very successful year in every way and a great deal of interest has been aroused in the church in the advancement of the spiritual work in the community and which has resulted in a great deal of interest being shown by all of the church membership in the work that has been laid out for the ensuing year.

The Christian church has been very active in the affairs of the community in the last few years under the pastorate of Rev. Robb and a great deal of good is in the future of the church in the coming year and which the pastor and his efficient assistants will see is carried out.

PRETTY LEAN YEAR

From Friday's Daily.— The record in the marriage license department of the county judge's office for the year 1924 shows that as far as the matrimonial knot tying in Cass county is concerned the past year, it was a decidedly lean twelve months.

In the past twelve months, County Judge Beeson issued only 37 licenses which is the lowest record ever made in the office. The eugenics marriage law of the state which attaches a penalty that the applicants must wait ten days before securing their license, has played havoc with the marriage records in the border counties of the state as all report heavy losses in the fees from licenses. When the youth and maiden decide to become united in marriage in 99 cases out of 100 they want the job performed without delay and hasten over into our neighboring state of Iowa where there is no time limit and you can be "hitched" whenever the spirit moves you. The young people of the county show that they have the true spirit of independence and can get around the entanglements of the law that the Nebraska legislators sought to force onto them.

ENTERTAINS FOR FRIENDS

From Thursday's Daily.— Last evening Otto Triletty entertained very pleasantly at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Triletty in the south portion of the city, at a 7 o'clock dinner given in honor of a few of the friends who are here from their school work for the holidays. The home was very pleasantly arranged for the occasion and the party of young men enjoyed to the utmost the pleasant hospitality that was afforded them. The members of the party were Howard and Harry Dwyer, Raymond Rebal, Jack McCarty, Raymond Boomeyer, Charles Ebenberger, Fred J. Warren, Otto and Fred Triletty.

FUNERAL OF PETER NORD

From Friday's Daily.— The funeral services of the late Peter Nord were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Swedish Mission church on Granite street and attended by a very large number of the old time friends who have been associated with the deceased in the many years of his residence in this community. The sermon was given by Rev. Anderson of Omaha, a minister of the Swedish church and was one of the most comforting sermons that has been heard at a burial service in this city and gave to the bereaved family and sorrowing friends a sense of hope of the future life that opens through the gates of death. During the service, Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave two of the numbers requested by the members of the family, "Rock of Ages" and "The Home Over There."

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last long sleep in this city of the silent.

DEATH OF FORMER PLATTSMOUTH MAN AT KANSAS CITY

George F. Smith, Son of the Late D. B. Smith, Passes Away at His Home in Kansas City.

The many old time friends here of George F. Smith, son of the late D. B. Smith and wife, will regret very much to learn of the death of Mr. Smith which occurred on December 20th at his home in Kansas City, Missouri. The first word of his death was received yesterday at Omaha by his brother, W. D. Smith, the message sent here having failed to reach them and it was not until a letter came from a nephew of Mr. Smith that he learned of the death of the brother.

The death occurred very suddenly and came as a great shock to the relatives in Omaha as they had no intimation of the illness of Mr. Smith, as he had been in good health at the time of his death.

The deceased was fifty-two years of age and during his boyhood was a resident of Plattsmouth, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith, were old time residents, and he will be remembered by many of the older residents. For a great many years he has resided in Kansas City. He is survived by the children, George Smith, Jr., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Eva Mae, aged 8, and Edward, aged 6, of Kansas City. The brothers and sisters surviving are: William D. Smith, 111 Rueland street, Omaha; Ralph S. Smith of Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. C. S. Tidd of Big Horn, Wyoming and Mrs. G. W. Steiger of Thayer, Missouri.

DOESN'T LIKE LIFE HERE

Uncle John Urwin, one of the old residents of near Louisville, who was brought here last week to be cared for during the extreme cold weather, doesn't like the settlements of this locality and desires to return to his own farm near Louisville, where he has resided alone for a number of years.

"Uncle Johnnie," as he is known in his home locality, states that he has been here visiting over New Years and is now ready to go back home, and as there is no restraint on his liberty he will probably in the next few days appear in the familiar scenes.

It was first intended to have the aged man cared for at least during the winter at the county farm, where he could have warm and comfortable quarters, but Mr. Urwin decided otherwise and after a short sojourn here, the aged man walked to this city and has since been here. For the past few days he has been cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Young and enjoyed the comfort of being in out of the cold, but is now desirous of getting back home.

HOLD BUTCHERING BEE

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Heil held a butchering bee at the country home east of Louisville last Tuesday at which time they were assisted by the following relatives and neighbors: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisinger, Mrs. Wendell Heil, Mr. and Mrs. John Heil and daughter, Miss Elsa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heil, Mr. and Mrs. John Rohrdanz and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heil. Many hands made light work and while every one found plenty to do, a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.—Louisville Courier.

SEEK HUNTING LICENSES

From Thursday's Daily.— This morning bright and early there were large numbers of the hunters taking to the hills and along the rivers in search of the fave rabbit and the day being a general holiday there was a general throng of the lovers of the sport of gunmanship out to enjoy the day. In helping the hunters get ready for the day County Clerk George Sayles was kept busy last evening issuing licenses for the new year so that all could be provided with the necessary certificates when they hid themselves forth.

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SEEK TO HAVE PROPERTY SET OUT OF CITY

LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN PART WISH TO WITHDRAW.

LARGE SECTION IS INVOLVED

Land in Question Located Near the "Horn" at the Extreme Southern Boundary of City.

From Friday's Daily.— This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court by Attorney A. L. Tidd, appearing for the plaintiffs, in which John H. Wiles, Albert Murray, Anton Hula, Mrs. Lucinda Brittain, George E. Perry, Ida F. Reynolds, Nibley H. Wiles and Julius A. Pitz ask that their real estate, now a part of the city of Plattsmouth, be set outside of the corporate limits of the city.

This property is located in the southern portion of the present fifth ward of the city and is a very large section of land extending from near Bryant street to the city limits and lying between Lincoln and Chicago avenues, constituting a large part of the present fifth ward.

The plaintiffs in their petition allege that the property in question consists of land that is used exclusively for agricultural and horticultural purposes, that it derives no benefit from being a part of the corporate body of the city of Plattsmouth and has no sidewalk benefits or police protection from the city of Plattsmouth and should therefore be set out of the city and be made a part of Plattsmouth precinct.

The case will be contested by the city in order to prevent such a large portion of the property being set aside and the case will be one of the greatest interest to the residents of the city as a large amount of taxes is derived from the property by the city each year and will make a material difference in the taxation valuation of the city.

SKATING POND IS OPENED

From Thursday's Daily.— Last evening "Rosedell," the skating pond that has been arranged for the use of the residents of this community by B. A. Rosenkrans, was opened to the public even though it has not quite reached the stage of perfection that is desired by the promoter, but in response to the insistent demand of the public that there be a place of this kind in this city.

The new skating pond is located in the small draw just north of the residence of T. E. Parmelee on Chicago avenue and is well adapted to use as a place of this kind. The promoter has had the natural draw of the valley that extends through the property enlarged by grading and erected a large dam at the east end of the draw that will hold the water and permit the creation of a good sized skating pond that will be perfectly safe for the use of the public and which will be placed in the best of shape after the pond has been in use for a few days.

Mr. Rosenkrans has met considerable trouble in getting the amount of water that he desired into the pond for the opening, as the well at the place has lost the greater part of its water, and the securing of city water there has been a real problem, as it is a long way from the nearest fire hydrant and which would allow it to be filled with the use of fire hose.

Finally in order to give the community a skating pond, Mr. Rosenkrans decided to go ahead with his plans that he had almost given up and securing two sections of garden hose, started the task of filling the pond, and which will require some time to get to the full capacity desired.

Last evening the pond was thrown open and several dozen of the youngsters were out early in the evening to enjoy the new pond and watch the process of filling that is going on. The opening was free for all, but in the future, in order to defray the expense of the work that has been done at the pond a small fee will be charged.

MILD WINTER WEATHER

Despite the doleful predictions of the weather man for another visitation of the extremely cold weather of last week, the New Year brought with it a much higher temperature as well as a very liberal blanketing of snow that covered the ground and added to the joys of those who would enjoy coasting and sleighing, but not appealing particularly to the auto owner.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Modern house and lot, also new furniture for sale. Call phone 76. j1-27

ENJOYS THE WEST

Father W. S. Leete, former rector of the St. Luke's church here, with Mrs. Leete and Madama Leete have sent a message of good wishes to their friends in Plattsmouth for the New Year, from their home at Evergreen, Colorado. Father Leete states that they enjoy very much the home in the mountain country and have had ideal winter weather and the dry cold is not so noticeable as that in the east. The temperature there reached 30 hasten one morning, the rector states. The family enjoy frequent drives to Denver and are greatly pleased with the new home. Father Leete is now vicar of the Mission of the Transfiguration at Evergreen.

SAD NEWS FOR PLATTSMOUTH SCHOOL TEACHER

Miss Dorothea Pond on Vacation Visit at Boston Receives News of Her Father's Death.

From Friday's Daily.— The holiday visit of Miss Dorothea Pond, one of the teachers in the Plattsmouth public schools, at Boston, was saddened yesterday by the news of the death of her father, Frank M. Pond, well known insurance man of that city.

Miss Pond has been at Boston since the opening of the Christmas vacation and had expected to start home today to spend Sunday with the parents in Omaha, when the message came of the death of the father and hastened her departure. Mr. Pond was fifty-one years of age and has for many years been engaged in the general insurance business in Omaha. He has been ill for the past year and the immediate cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis suffered Wednesday night at his home, 706 North 50th street. He is survived by the wife, the daughter, Miss Dorothea, of this city, and a brother, Edward E. Pond of Chicago.

Mr. Pond has been a resident of Omaha for the past twenty years and was formerly state agent for the Fidelity Phoenix Insurance Co. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Capitol lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of Tangier temple of the Shrine. Mr. Pond was also a member of the First Methodist church of Omaha.

Funeral services will probably be held Monday at the Cole-McKay funeral home and the burial be at the West Lawn cemetery.

ST. MARY'S GUILD MEETS.

From Thursday's Daily.— The ladies of the St. Mary's and St. Luke's guilds were very pleasantly entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank H. Dunbar, president of the St. Mary's Guild. The ladies occupied the greater part of the time in the planning of the reception of the new rector of the church, the Rev. George Pierce of Washington, D. C., who is expected here in the next few weeks to take over the work in the parish here and will in the future have charge of the church. The ladies and the members of the parish are expecting to extend to the new rector and his wife a most cordial welcome to the charge here that will be the scene of their future activities.

SHOULD PUSH BETTERMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Season for Doing Something Toward Better Roads Will Be Here Soon and Should Have Action.

The opening of the spring season will bring with it the opportunity of doing something in the way of road works that will give the residents of this county better highways and this will be the appropriate time to move in the direction of permanent roads that will not be subject to the various changes of weather and which will be possible when they are needed the most. Experiences of the past month here in Cass county have pointed the way to the need of a modern road system that would insure graveled or other forms of roads that could be used in the winter and wet weather as well as the hot days of summer instead of the dirt roads that are all right as long as weather conditions are good but which are practically impossible for travel many weeks of the year, as they have been all during December in almost all parts of the county.

The weather conditions make it impossible for the road men to work the roads and the very best of dirt roads in a few days of bad weather soon set up and bumpy as well as in the rainy season becoming so muddy that travel is impossible, and these features the permanent road removes. Travelers from the north tell of many miles of gravel road that extends from the Canadian border down into our own state and then they strike the stretches of the main highway that are without the treatment of stone or gravel and begin to realize what the modern permanent roadways mean to a community.

As has been shown in our own vicinity the gravelled roads are doing the business, as Otce county has found out and their experience should be heeded by the Cass county people in making up their road program for the ensuing year. In looking into the good road program the citizens should see that gravel beds and pits are opened up that can be depended upon to supply the material that will be needed and save the heavy cost that would come from having to make long hauls with the gravel from outside points.

The K. T. highway that already has received attention from other counties in graveling should be made into a permanent road as soon as possible and in which the aid of the federal government could be secured that would help out the county and the precincts and towns through which the highway passes.

MAY FORM BASKETBALL TEAM

The members of the local M. D. A. of the Burlington are discussing the formation soon of a basketball team among the shop employes that will stage a number of games this season if possible and if arrangements can be made the new team will probably begin their workout in the next few days. There is a wealth of good material among the young men employed at the shops and they should have little difficulty in getting out a real team that would be able to meet all comers.

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