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CELEBRATE THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William Puls at Murray Enjoy Observance With Their Family.

From Friday's Daily—
The passing of fifty years of wedded life was observed yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Puls at Murray, these two estimable residents of this portion of the county having completed the half century mark of wedded bliss.

There are few in the community that are given the opportunity of joining in an anniversary of this kind and upon whom good fortune has smiled as generously as on Mr. and Mrs. Puls and they are busy receiving the well wishes of their friends for many more years of happiness ere they pass from the scene of their activities.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Puls are natives of the province of Lippe-Detmold, Germany. Mr. Puls being born there on June 6, 1845, and Mrs. Puls on September 9, 1849. At the time that there were born their homeland was one of the small principalities of the North German confederation, later becoming a part of the German empire after the war of 1870, and since the World war, one of the states of the German republic. In this charming portion of the old world, not so far from the famous Hartz mountains, this youth and maid grew to manhood and womanhood. The lives of these two young people were joined on February 12, 1875, when Miss Louise Engelmeyer was united in wedlock to William Puls.

Shortly after their marriage the young people decided they would seek their future in the distant land across the sea where reports of the abundant lands to be found came back to their homeland and in the same year of their wedding they left the shores of the old world to embark on the great adventure of carrying out for themselves a home in the United States.

On reaching America, Mr. and Mrs. Puls came westward, seeking the place where they could follow their desire to enjoy life on a farm of their own, and late in the year they arrived at Plattsmouth and proceeded out to the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant, west of where the town of Murray now stands, and here a home was reared and the husband and father made ready for a homestead.

Since coming here, the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Puls have been a part of the story of the development of Cass county and by their earnest work and devotion to duty they have contributed in no small extent to the making of the great community in which they now live.

Through their industry, Mr. and Mrs. Puls have acquired enough of this world's goods so that they are now permitted to enjoy their declining years in comfort and rest at the home in Murray to which they removed from the farm a number of years ago.

At the anniversary yesterday there were gathered all of the children and their families to enjoy the day as well as a number of the other relatives, the bad condition of the roads interfering to a great extent with several of the relatives from attending.

The noon hour marked the serving of a sumptuous feast that attested the ability of the ladies in the culinary art and was such a wonderful feast as can be found nowhere but in a Cass county home.

After the dinner, Rev. H. O. Rhode, pastor of the Eight Mile Grove church of which Mr. and Mrs. Puls have been members for many years, gave a short sermon appropriate to the occasion and presented to the bride and groom of fifty years ago a certificate of their anniversary of a half century of wedded bliss.

The children present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Puls and family of Plattsmouth; Mrs. P. A. Hill and family; Mrs. Fred Lutz and family; Otto Puls and family; L. H. Puls and family; Mrs. Emmett Ringwood of Minneapolis; Mrs. Alfred Gansemer and family; L. H. Puls and family. There were two of the brothers of Mrs. Puls present, August Engelmeyer and family and Charles Engelmeyer and family of Plattsmouth. Of the neices and nephews present there were A. J. Engelmeyer and family; Julius Engelmeyer and family; Jacob Kraeger and family; Ed Meisner and family; Mrs. Otto Lutz of Plattsmouth; Fred L. Hill and family.

In common with the many friends in Cass county, the Journal joins in wishing them the opportunity of observing their diamond anniversary of wedded life in the years to come.

SURPRISE PARTY

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening, while the evening meal was being prepared, Mrs. Ben Parker was unaware that a "feed" was in progress, celebrating her 57th birthday. Mrs. Parker, though a shut-in the most of her time due to her ill health, is still just as jolly and wears a new smile each year. She asked her grandson why he did not go home to his supper and until the rest of the party arrived

was unaware of the surprise. Her five daughters and their families comprised the party, they being Mrs. Hazel Donaldson, Mrs. Roxie Elliott, Mrs. Flossie Redd, Mrs. Helen Upp and Miss Polly Parker. Mrs. Parker received a number of beautiful presents and enjoyed a left declaring they had enjoyed a very good time.

SEARCH FOR PARTIES

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening Officers Clyde Jackson and Joe Ibershal were called from Omaha and requested to be on the look out for a Ford car bearing a North Dakota number and the parties were claimed to be desired in connection with a child that had been picked up in Omaha.

The search of the cars in the city revealed the fact that a gentleman and lady driving a car bearing the number sought were here and at one of the local hotels. When they were communicated with by the police it was found that all they knew of the case was that the man and child secured in Omaha had ridden with them a short distance into Omaha and had been left there, but that they had no connection with the parties and knew nothing of the circumstances of how the child came to be with the man.

MURRAY BOOSTERS GETTING IN LINE FOR ROAD GRAVELING

Residents of This Little City Join in Movement to Have Better Roads in County.

From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday the members of the good roads committee of the chamber of commerce were in Murray where they enjoyed a few hours visit with the boosters of that fine little city on the matter of graveling which is hoped to have put through this summer along the King of Trails highway and also on the road leading into Murray.

As in all sections of the county, the Murray people are awake to the need of action in securing gravel for the county is going to move ahead as it should, as other counties surrounding this are busy in getting in their road programs. This K of T highway is a link that places Murray on one of the main trunk highways of the country leading north and south and it being made a gravel road is a matter of the greatest interest to every resident of that locality.

The good people of Murray joined in selecting a good roads boosting committee composed of W. G. Benedek, chairman, George Nickels, Everett Spangler, Frank Mrasek, Ed S. Tutt and G. M. Minford, who will see that that enterprising place is on the map when it comes to the good roads activities.

GEORGE RISON DIES

From Friday's Daily—
Announcement was received here last night of the death of George O. Rison, former manager of the Western Paint & Glass company, of Lincoln, and a familiar figure in the capital city. Mr. Rison was one of the most popular after dinner speakers in the state and had a wide acquaintance in the various cities. He was here in 1922 on the occasion of the visit of Governor McKelvie at the National Guard encampment and spoke at the governor's banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce that night at the Main hotel. He was also here last winter as one of the Happy Hundred suppers and always lived up to his reputation of being a veritable Mark Twain the 2nd.

ENJOY FINE TIME

From Friday's Daily—
The Christian Ladies Aid met at the church Wednesday afternoon, a large crowd of ladies being present, and after the business session, the ladies picked blocks for the Aid. A parcel post sale was then enjoyed. This was something new and unique and everyone was well pleased with their parcel. A delightful lunch was served as a fitting climax to the afternoon's enjoyment by the hostesses, Mrs. Phil Rbin and Mrs. Hackenberg.

ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

From Friday's Daily—
Another very delightful 1 o'clock bridge luncheon was given yesterday afternoon at the pleasant Westover home on High school hill. Mrs. Westover and Mrs. P. T. Heinemann being joint hostesses to a number of their friends.

The home was arranged in a color scheme of pink and white which was carried out in the floral decorations of the tables and made a very pretty scene.

In the contests Mrs. Frank L. Cummins was awarded the first prize and Mrs. George O. Dovey the consolation prize, and all of the ladies enjoyed to the utmost the delightful occasion that had been prepared for them by the hostesses.

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FATHERS AND SONS JOIN IN SCOUT 'FEED'

SECOND ANNUAL EVENT PROVES VERY DELIGHTFUL OCCASION LAST EVENING.

PROMOTES FELLOWSHIP SPIRIT

Boys of Yesterday and Today Mingle in Story, Music and Eloquent Addresses in Banquet.

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the second banquet of the Boy Scouts, which is featured as a part of scout week, was held at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church and the Fathers and Sons were together for the three hours of the gathering in pleasant association, which leaves a most profitable lesson for both the fathers and the sons. The church parlors were more than usually attractive as they reflected the patriotic spirit of the occasion—both of the scout anniversary and the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Back of the speaker's table was displayed a large American flag while at the tables there were the bright flag-hued napkins and the tiny American flags supported by the candy favors of the banquet.

The patriotic note was also stressed in a number of the songs given under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Westcott and joined in by the men and boys most heartily.

Of the banquet itself, it need only be said that it was up to the usual high standard that the Presbyterian ladies have served and those who have in the past enjoyed the suppers and banquets there will know that there was nothing lacking.

The banquet was presided over by Attorney Joseph A. Capwell, himself an enthusiastic worker in behalf of the scout movement, and in this position Mr. Capwell was very pleasing and entertaining as he introduced the speakers of the evening.

The toast list embraced responses by both the fathers and the sons and in the short and informal remarks of the evening there was much of good, a sprinkling of fun and in all a spirit of real good fellowship that will long be pleasantly remembered.

"Scouting With Dad" was the first toast and in this Scout Edgar Westcott responded very pleasantly, relating the many incidents of the comradeship of the father with the boy, the understanding that grew up between the parent and the child and the appreciation that the boy felt in the association with the father.

The response for the assembled fathers and those who were substituting in this role, was given by William F. Huneke, who gave a brief but a few very sound and vital truths of what a father owed to the son in his toast, "Chums." Mr. Huneke stated that the father should always be square with the son, set a worthy example to be followed, and be worthy of the youthful hero worship that comes from the child in his younger years for the father or elder person.

Searl S. Davis was brought into the toast list under the caption, "Only a Boy," but his words of wisdom and humorous touches developed what he was far from boyish days and that experience had touched him to give such ability to express the appreciation of scout work and its ideals.

The main address of the evening, "Sky Lines of Scouting," was delivered by H. Beveridge, chairman of the Omaha public schools, and owing to the fact that Mr. Beveridge was compelled to return to Omaha last evening, was made much shorter than was desired by the audience.

Mr. Beveridge in his brief time touched on the cardinal virtues of the scout, trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thrift, bravery, cleanliness, reverence. These were the basic principles of a real living, the speaker stated, the things that made real men in the world that they were to occupy in the future years. There were three things Mr. Beveridge stated that the world would ask the young man when he took up the battle of life: "What do you know?" "What can you do?" and "Who are you?" and in answering these the Boy Scout training would be most helpful. The scout training gave to the boy a chance to develop his desire for learning, it brought out the talents and tasks to which he would be best fitted and gave him the inspiration to good citizenship and lastly built personality and character that would allow the world to know who the scout was, when the question was asked. The religious and moral training of the scout was one of the assets of character building that was helpful in after life and placed on a firm foundation the boy in his youth. It taught the art of living rightly and understanding the real things of life that could not be gathered elsewhere.

District Judge James T. Begley



RUFUS E. LEE

President of the Continental Gas & Electric Co., who is retiring from office on selling interests of company to United Light & Power Company.

was on the toast list in a tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln that was one long to be remembered by those gathered around the banquet board and covered the story of the struggles of the boy from his childhood of hardships in the pioneer west to his acts in the White House as the chief executive of the nation. He compared the personality and surroundings of Lincoln and Washington, both of whom were born in the month of February, one the father of the nation and the other its preserver; Washington, the son of a distinguished family, wealthy, educated and with all the advantages of his day, but still casting his lot with the cause of his suffering country, and assisting in the creation of a great, free nation; Lincoln, the poorest of the poor, born in a rude frontier home, his education crudely acquired by self teaching from books and by the light of the cabin fireplace, his studies of the bible and the scriptures, and the fact that he could procure, which had materially assisted in building the right foundation for life. The judge urged the following of the teachings of Washington and Lincoln, and also stressed the need for law observance and respect for the part of the citizens of the nation.

Dr. R. P. Westover, one of the members of the scout committee, was called upon and responded by two very pleasing vocal selections that were very much enjoyed.

Not the least of the many entertaining features of the evening were the numbers given by the Boy Scout orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Caldwell. This orchestra is composed of George Caldwell, violin and cornet; Frederick Gorder, saxophone; Robert Wuhl, trombone; Ira Munn and Wilbur Hall, violins; Edgar Westcott, drums. The young men gave a most pleasing selection and one that reflected the greatest credit upon themselves.

Scoutmaster C. H. Peden, who has had a great deal to do with the developing of the scout movement here, was called upon and gave a brief resume of the activities, stating that there were three troops of scouts in the city, comprising some sixty-five members and all in the most flourishing condition and it was hoped to soon form another troop. The scoutmasters are composed of Mr. Peden, J. A. Capwell and Henry Leacock, with Edward Patterson, Elmer Gaines and Joe Buttery as assistants. The movement is sponsored by the board of education and the meetings held at the high school building. The local executive committee has the governing of the scouts, is composed of E. H. Westcott, chairman; W. G. Kieck, Dr. O. Sandin, L. G. Kepler, T. H. Pollock, Dr. R. P. Westover, and Dr. Paul T. Heinemann.

Mr. Peden also called upon a number of the boys who related incidents of scout life and among these were: Joe Buttery, Elmer Gaines, J. Henry Leacock, Herbert Patterson, Henry Marshall, Warren Taylor, Robert Fitch, Lester Stout, and not the least the chairman of the scout committee, Mr. Westcott.

The invocation at the banquet was offered by Rev. H. G. McClusky while the benediction was offered by Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz of the First Methodist church.

ENTERTAIN FOR FRIENDS
From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon one of the pleasant social events of the week was held at the home of Mrs. R. P. Westover on High school hill. Mrs. Westover and Mrs. P. T. Heinemann were entertaining a number of friends at a 1 o'clock bridge luncheon that was much enjoyed. The home had for the occasion been transformed into a bower of beauty and charm, pink and white sweet peas being used very lavishly in the decorations of the home. In serving the hostesses were assisted by Mrs. F. R. Gobelman and Misses Violette Begley, Ruth and Jean Tidball.

In the bridge contests the first prize was awarded to Mrs. Henry G. Soennichsen, while the consolation prize was won by Mrs. C. A. Rawls.

Miss Anna Heisel was among the visitors in Omaha today to spend a few hours in that city visiting with friends.

DAVID J. PITMAN DIES SUDDENLY AT MURRAY HOME

WELL KNOWN FIGURE IN CASS COUNTY IS CALLED FROM EARTHLY ACTIVITIES.

PROMINENT IN BUSINESS LIFE

Engaged in the Grain Business at Murray For Past 30 Years—Long Time Democrat.

From Saturday's Daily—

Death entered the community of Murray last evening and suddenly called from the family circle, David J. Pitman, long a figure of note in that locality and one of the best known men in eastern Cass county.

Mr. Pitman has not been in robust health for the past winter, suffering more or less from attacks of heart trouble, but it was not until the last twenty-four hours that he grew dangerously ill and passed away very suddenly.

Mr. Pitman has for the past 24 years been engaged in the grain business at Murray, for a number of years being associated with the late James A. Walker in this line of business and since the retirement of his partner he has been managing the elevator alone.

David J. Pitman was born October 4, 1852, at Corydon, Indiana, and grew to manhood in that locality, where he was married 51 years ago to Miss Harriett Mauck. The family came west to Nebraska in the year 1879 and located on a farm near Mt. Pleasant precinct, later in 1887 moving to a farm south of Murray where Mr. Pitman spent a number of years and also looked after his business interests in the elevator. Mr. and Mrs. Pitman, fourteen years ago, moved to Murray and have enjoyed their life there very much, surrounded by their family and friends. Mr. Pitman was one of the lifelong democrats of Cass county and often has led the cause that he espoused in many a political battle.

Mr. Pitman was united in early life with the United Presbyterian church and has continued his work in his church since that time. He leaves to mourn his going the aged wife and the following children: Mrs. Glenn Perry, Murray; Mrs. O. A. Davis, Murray; Samuel O. Pitman, Long Beach, California, and James Vance Pitman, Murray.

The funeral services of this splendid citizen will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home in Murray, and the body will be brought to Plattsmouth where it will be laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery, with the services of the Masonic order, Mr. Pitman being a member of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

FIRE AT PETRING HOME

Last evening as Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Petring returned home at 9 o'clock from the Parnelle theatre, they were startled to discover their home filled with smoke and an investigation by Mr. Petring revealed the fact that a small fire had just got a start in the coal room in the basement of the house. The fire was soon extinguished by Mr. Petring long before the fire department reached the scene of action and the damage will be small. The fire started from a small stove in the basement that was used for laundry work, which had caused some rags and papers to start burning quite lively when they were discovered.

The fire department when getting ready to move to the scene of the fire found that they were minus a driver for the fire truck and it was not until Officer Clyde Jackson volunteered to man the truck that they were able to get under way and reach the scene of action.

STARTS NEW TRAIN

The Missouri Pacific, in conjunction with its allied Gulf Coast Lines, has arranged through sleeper service from St. Louis to Mission, Texas, on the Mexican border, the first such service ever established. Operation of the sleeper, made possible through the installation of a new passenger train on the Gulf Coast Lines, also gives fast and convenient service from St. Louis to Brownsville and the Mexican city of Matamoros.

The 12-section drawing room sleeper leaves St. Louis at 6:45 p. m., on the Sunshine Special and reaches Mission at 9:40 o'clock the second morning. Returning, the departure from Mission is at 7 a. m., with St. Louis arrival on the Sunshine the second morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Passengers for Brownsville may occupy the sleeper to Harlingen, Texas, a short distance from Brownsville, or have the option of utilizing a convenient day-time wait at Houston to change to a direct Brownsville sleeper on the same train for the second night of their journey. Brownsville arrival is at 8:45 a. m.

DEATH OF LITTLE LAD

Paul Everett, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spidel, died February 9, 1925, following a week's illness of pneumonia.

Paul was a favorite with every one and had endeared himself to teachers, schoolmate and neighbors by his gentlemanly ways for one so young. He was near 8 years of age and is mourned by his parents, four brothers, Glenn of Plattsmouth, Faye, Franklin and George at home; three sisters, Mrs. Milo Brink, Pacific Junction, Mrs. Rose Minor, Omaha, and Marguerite, at home; also his grandmother, Mrs. D. Shuffler.

Paul was in the 3rd grade at school and his record was good. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 from the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ellis. Music for the services was provided by Mrs. Frank Boyle and Miss Alice Burgion, with Miss Mildred Bacus at the piano. The pallbearers were his schoolmate, Roquette Capps, Donald Delashmitt, Bernard Beldin and John Flynn. The following girls served as flower bearers: Viola Watts, Lucile Edwards, Martha Bouquette, Dora King, Lila Fisher, Lenore Christinger, Helen Fisher, Irene Fisher, Agnes Nunn, Elizabeth Godsey, Margaret McClure, Dorcie Field. Interment was in Glenwood cemetery, Glenwood Tribune.

HONOR MEMORY OF MARTYRED PRESIDENT IN SCHOOLS

Convocation This Morning at High School Addressed by Father Pierce, of St. Luke's.

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning the High school at the convocation period held a special observance of the passing of the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States.

The exercises were held in the auditorium of the High school and the speaker of the occasion was Father George D. Pierce, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal church. The speaker touched on the life of Lincoln as a man and as the leading figure in the greatest pages of our national history when the life of the nation itself was at stake and but for his courage would have perished.

The American History class of the High school also received the results of their essay contest on the life of Lincoln, the award being a beautiful medal presented by the Illinois Watch company, of Springfield, Ill., to the winner of the contest.

The various essays had been submitted and judged and the medal was awarded to Miss Helen Westcott while the essays of Theodore Hadraba, Helen Lbershal, Ruth Patton and John Iverson were given honorable mention.

GIVES SHOWER FOR BRIDE

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the Queen Esthers of the Methodist church met in the parlors of the church and with a large number of the members in attendance. After the business session the members joined in tendering a very pleasant shower to Miss J. Henry Leacock, formerly Mrs. Edith Yelick, one of their members.

In honor of the occasion, Mrs. Leacock received many beautiful and attractive gifts which will help her remember the girl friends with whom she has been associated.

The time was spent in games of various kinds as well as fortune telling which served to pass the time most pleasantly. At an appropriate hour a very dainty and delicious two course luncheon was served by the hostesses, Misses Elsie Nelson, Dolice Yroman, Ethel Babbitt and Frances Stewart.

At a late hour the members of the party departed homeward wishing Mrs. Leacock many years of happiness.

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GRAVELED HIGHWAYS BOOSTERS CARRYING ON THEIR CAMPAIGN

Opportunity Is Being Taken Up by the Residents Along the K. T. Highway With Enthusiasm.

From Thursday's Daily—
Cheered by the opportunity that has come to get "out of the mud," the residents along the K. T. highway south from Plattsmouth to the Otoe county line are joining in the big booster campaign that will put over the proposition and place this important state and county highway in proper shape for travel.

There has been some misunderstanding as to the road that it is desired to place in the right light as the campaigns opens up. There has been asked \$250 per mile along the length of road as a contribution to the work that is one of the most important undertakings in the last few years. There will be no contributions asked for maintaining the road after its completion as this part of the work is looked after by the state and federal governments.

There is to be but the one contribution as a donation on the part of the citizens and the care of the road will be looked after very carefully by the state and national governments.

With the placing of the gravel from the highway into Murray which is one of the things hoped for by the boosters, there will be three of the towns in the east section of the county connected by gravel, Plattsmouth Murray and Union.

In another year when grading and other requirements are carried out it is hoped to have the work extended to care for the "O" street and Murray-Murdoch roads and have them added to the list of state maintained graveled roads.

The citizens of the central part of the county are also going through with their precinct road program and from all indications the coming season will see Cass county make some important strides forward in the good road movement.

STILL CONFINED TO HIS HOME

From Friday's Daily—
The many friends of Edward Patterson, one of the popular young men of the high school, will regret to learn that he is still confined to his home as the result of his severe cold and attack of gathering in the ear that has given him a great deal of pain and inconvenience in the past week. Ed has shown some improvement but is still far from well.

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