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KLAN HOLDS MONSTER MEETING LAST NIGHT

LARGE PARADE OF CARS WITH ROBED KNIGHTS PASSES UP MAIN STREET.

3,500 GATHER AT WILES FARM

Well Known Minister of the Eastern Part of State is Orator at the Meeting Last Night.

From Friday's Daily—
With the crashing of bombs fired from the Wiles farm last evening at 8:30 the gathering of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was announced to the city and the procession of cars containing the members of the order and several thousand citizens took up its way to the scene of the public meeting at which the principles of the order were discussed by the speaker of the evening.

Preceding the meeting there was a parade of 125 through the main section of the city, the cars bearing Omaha license numbers and filled with the white robed figures of the Klansmen. There was no flourish or noise as the procession silently moved along through the streets, the cars going at a slow rate of speed and without demonstration by either the occupants or the large crowd of bystanders that lined the streets and silently viewed the spectacle.

At the Wiles farm there was a very congested condition of cars as the road from the parking to the scene of the meeting was thoroughly lined with cars and the greatest care was necessary in handling the traffic at the meeting place to avoid accident. With the best of results as, while there were 700 autos parked in the pasture there was not a single mishap that could be traced to either the going or coming from the meeting.

At the grounds the platform was erected on the northwest portion of the pasture, the flaming cross of the order affording a dramatic and striking background for the exercises of the evening. The speakers were placed in profusion over the grounds and at the platform.

The meeting was conducted in a very quiet and orderly manner and on this occasion there was no visible presiding officer at the meeting, the speaker, while not announced, was understood, one of the leading ministers in the eastern portion of Nebraska. He quietly mounted the platform and started the evening's address.

The speaker devoted time to the discussion of the view of the Klan as held by the public mind, that it was not "anti," as many had understood, but rather "pro," taking as its standards or principles the espousal of the white race supremacy, the Protestant church, the carrying out and observance of American laws and the opposition to foreign interference in the political and religious affairs of the nation.

A great deal of the address was devoted to the matter of racial purity, the need of the white race to preserve itself clean and pure from the black and yellow races, the speaker denouncing bitterly those of the white race who had lowered their own standards by living and associating with members of other race in violation of the clearly defined laws of nature which clearly marked the races, one from the other.

The political attitude of the Catholic church was also given some attention by the speaker, who, however, denied any quarrel with the members of the Catholic faith on strictly religious lines, save on the matter of the domination of their affairs by a foreign ruler—the pope.

The need of American support of American men and women in business and against the foreign races who have entered into the business life of the nation and whose methods have had a deteriorating effect on the old time American business life.

The attendance at the meeting is estimated by many who were present on the grounds at from 3,500 to 4,000 and the lower figure seems a very conservative figure as to the number who were present at the meeting.

The ladies of the Klan were present at the meeting and a small refreshment stand operated by them did a very flourishing business in disposing cold drinks and other refreshments to the very large crowd.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—
Edward Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson, will undergo an operation Friday morning at the hospital in Omaha for the removal of his tonsils which have been giving him a great deal of trouble of late. The tonsils have proven very annoying and to secure permanent relief, it has been decided to have the offending members removed.

SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

From Friday's Daily—
The old time friends of Mrs. L. L. Porter, will regret to learn of a very serious accident that happened to this estimable lady several days ago at her home in Lebanon, Oregon. Mrs. Porter had a sliver in her hand which was quite painful and required the attention of a surgeon and accordingly she was on her way to the office of a physician when she fell and struck her arm in such a manner as to cause a fracture of the right arm. Mrs. Porter is well along in years and the injury to her arm has proven very painful and will lay her up for some time.

Mrs. Porter has been making her home at Lebanon with her daughter, Miss Marguerite for the last few years since leaving Plattsmouth, and her misfortune will bring much regret to the old friends here.

FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS CITY MARRIED

Thomas D. Dietz, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dietz, Married at St. Joseph Saturday

From Friday's Daily—
The announcement has been received here by the relatives and friends of the marriage at St. Joseph, Missouri, of Miss Rosina Lafavors of that city to Mr. Thomas D. Dietz, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dietz, of Plattsmouth, and himself a resident here for a number of years.

The wedding occurred on Saturday afternoon at the Francis street Methodist church and the marriage lines were read by the Rev. John T. Conkey, pastor of the church.

Miss Helen Lafavors, sister of the bride, and Frank Comer were the attendants of the bridal party and served as witnesses for the happy occasion.

For the present at least, Mr. and Mrs. Dietz will make their home at 2306 Bartlett street with the parents of the bride.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer of St. Joseph, and has grown to womanhood in that community where she is known and loved by a very large circle of friends and associates. The groom was for some time a resident of Plattsmouth where his parents have been residing and was also for some time serving in the navy. Since his return from service, Mr. Dietz has been living in St. Joseph and engaged in working there, where he is universally respected by all those who have the pleasure of knowing him.

WORK ON NEW BRIDGE SHOWING PROGRESS

Work of Placing Joists in Place for Flooring Is Now Underway and Soon to Be Completed.

From Thursday's Daily—
The work of construction of the new auto and wagon bridge of the King of Trails bridge company over the Platte river north of this city, is now showing some very nice progress, officers of the company state and every day there is a distinct headway in the work of completion of the bridge.

The joist that are to be used in support of the flooring of the bridge are now arriving very rapidly and are being placed in position so that the work of laying the floor may be continued rapidly when it is started.

The construction of the roadway that will lead to the northern approach of the bridge will also be taken up as soon as possible and by the time the bridge is ready to be placed in commission it is expected that the highway will be all ready for the use of the traveling public.

The new bridge has attracted much attention and when it is completed will give the public a free choice of routes over the Platte as with the present river bridge they will prevent any congestion of travel as sometimes occurs at present.

TO TEACH IN STATE

From Thursday's Daily—
Two of the Plattsmouth young ladies who have taken up the teaching profession have secured very lucrative positions in the schools of the state that they will take charge of on the opening of the fall term. Miss Janet Bajack, who has been a teacher in the local schools, has a very fine position in the Elliott school at Lincoln, one of the large modern and up-to-date schools of that city, while Miss Verla Becker, who graduated this past season at the University of Nebraska with very high honors, is to be a member of the faculty of the Fremont high school the coming year, one of the leading high schools of the state.

The success of these young ladies in their work is very pleasing to the host of friends in this community and it is hoped that they will find their new positions thoroughly pleasing.

WILES FAMILY HOLDS ITS ANNUAL REUNION

Representatives of One of the Pioneer Families of the West Enjoy Their Meeting Here.

From Friday's Daily—
There were gathered in this city yesterday some 120 descendants and members of one of the earliest families in this portion of the great west, the Wiles family, for their annual meeting, where they enjoyed the time in visiting and renewing the pleasant associations of their family relationship.

This family have their descent from Thomas Wiles and wife who came from their home in Indiana in the forties to make their home in the pioneer state of Iowa and settled in Mills county near where the present city of Glenwood is located and where many of the family still reside.

As the family grew up and the pioneer spirit inspired, many of them moved to various localities in this section of the west, a large number coming to Cass county, Nebraska, where their family has been among the most prominent and active in the county and had a large part in the making of the west.

In recent years it has been the custom of the family to meet each year and discuss their family ties, the accomplishments of the year and the growing list of the membership of the family tree that has now accumulated many branches through marriage among the leading families of the counties of Cass and Mills.

The reunion this year was held in Garfield park in this city, which made a most attractive spot for the gathering and one that afforded plenty of shade for the picnic party and from where they might enjoy a wonderful view of the great Missouri valley and across to the neighboring state of Iowa where their ancestor had first settled in the great west.

There was no formal program held this year by the family at the reunion, although one is to be planned for next year when the reunion will again be held in this city as a central point for the various members of the family.

At the meeting, Thomas Wiles, the eldest of the family present, and one of the prominent residents of this city, gave a resume of the family history, the many incidents of the past in which the members of the family have participated that have helped to make history for Nebraska and Iowa.

Searl S. Davis also present and gave a very interesting talk on the ideals that should dominate the Wiles family in their lives, the things that had enabled them to make progress for their family and for themselves in the community in which they had cast their lot.

The reunion elected the following officers to serve for the coming year: President—Charles H. Warner. Vice President, Will T. Adams. Secretary—Luke L. Wiles. Treasurer—Thomas Wiles.

At the noon hour the members of the family joined in a big family dinner at which all of the good things from the homes were found in the baskets that were unloaded and furnished the basis for the feast fit for a king.

In the late afternoon a horseshoe pitching contest was held in which Lawrence Wise of Weeping Water, who has a statewide reputation, was one of the shining lights, as well as Harold and Aaron Wiles, Mike Tritsch and George Sayles also vied at the reunion to seek some entertainment in the horseshoe pitching line and were readily accommodated by the members of the Wiles family and many interesting matches staged.

Card of Thanks

The Wiles Family association desire to express their thanks to the City of Plattsmouth for the use of Garfield park for their reunion and also to all those who assisted in the making of the reunion such a complete success.

NEW SON ARRIVES

From Thursday's Daily—
The home of Frank S. Rice and wife in the south portion of the city was one of the happiest homes in the community yesterday when a fine eight pound son and heir arrived to make his home with them in the future. The mother and the one are both doing nicely and Frank is surely the proudest man in the community over the good fortune that has come to his home. The friends are joining in their well wishes for the future welfare of the young man.

ENJOYED LINCOLN VISIT

From Thursday's Daily—
Miss Helen Wurl returned last evening from a few days' visit at Lincoln, where she was a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DuTeil. While there she was honored guest at a number of luncheon and theatre parties. She will leave for Lincoln soon, where she will be a student at the Nebraska State University the coming year.

CASE IS LONG DRAWN OUT

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday the time of the district court was taken up with hearing the case of the Bank of Manly vs. William S. Spence. This phase of the case was on the intervention of the Farmers State Bank of Eagle, which had had dealings with Mr. Spence and claimed some interest in and to the property that was in dispute between the Bank of Manly and the defendants. The defense contended that they had failed to receive any remuneration or return from the transaction between them and the Eagle bank. There were a considerable number of witnesses examined during the day and the case submitted to the court at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The matter was taken under advisement by Judge Begley and the parties given opportunity of submitting briefs to the court.

EAGLES BAND IS HEARD IN LAST CONCERT

Large Crowd Out to Enjoy Closing of the Summer Concert Program Last Night.

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening there was a very large number of the residents of the city and the neighboring towns of the county present to enjoy the closing number of the summer concert program of the Eagles band.

The last concert was held in the block between Fourth and Fifth streets on Main and was one that pleased everyone in the large sized crowd, generous applause greeted the numbers as they were given.

In addition to the popular selections there were a number of the high class standard numbers given including the patriotic medley, "The American Patrol," the tuneful and beautiful "Superba" as well as "Autumn Romance," one of the most pleasing selections of the program.

The Eagles band have given the residents of Plattsmouth and this entire section of the county a series of very entertaining concerts and which through the action of the city government were made possible by financing the concerts, for all of which the people in general feel very appreciative.

The band will give their annual concert for the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home as has been their custom in the past few years, at a date very soon and which will be especially arranged to suit the fine old folks who make up the family at the home.

SCOUTS RECEIVE INVITATION

From Thursday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth Boy Scouts have received a very pleasant invitation from Scoutmaster Simpson of the Louisville Boy Scouts to attend a special field day to be held in that city Friday afternoon as a part of the exercises of the opening of the new Scout park in that place. The new recreational park is prepared for the use of the scouts and has swimming pools and other natural advantages that will make it most suitable for the use of the Scouts and their guests.

The Plattsmouth boys are requested to come over and join in the proper dedication of the park and the fun and festivity of the day. A program of athletic events has been arranged for the occasion and the Plattsmouth scouts will compete with the Louisville boys for honors of the occasion. A meeting to arrange the details of the trip will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the high school.

PARTY FOR MISS WHITE

From Friday's Daily—
The little Misses Louise and Ruth Thygeson were hostesses at an afternoon children's party at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thygeson, Tenth street and First avenue, Thursday from 2:30 o'clock until 5:30 honoring their cousin, Miss Lois White, of Dallas, Texas. A peanut hunt, a fish pond and other games and contests entertained the guests. Prizes were awarded the winners. Balloons and carnival noise makers were given as favors. Individual cakes and ice cream were served. The little Misses Gretchen and Betty Travis, of San Juan, Texas, were other out-of-town guests.—Nebr. City Press.

DR. WESTOVER RETURNS

From Friday's Daily—
Dr. R. P. Westover, who has been enjoying a vacation in the northern part of the state, returned home this afternoon and will be at his office Saturday morning as usual to look after his practice.

MRS. PHILIP BALSER IS CALLED TO HER LAST REST

Well Known Resident of This City Passes Away Very Suddenly Late Yesterday Afternoon.

From Friday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. Philip Balsler, aged 68 years, a well known resident of this city, occurred yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock at the family home on Locust street, the death coming very suddenly and peacefully.

Mrs. Balsler has, for several years, been suffering from heart trouble and has been partially an invalid in the last few months, but her condition was not thought by the husband to be more serious than usual yesterday and she was up and around the house as usual. Mrs. Balsler had been reading the evening paper and laid it on the table near her bed and stated that she was going to lie down for a short time. Mr. Balsler came in to secure the paper and as he did his attention was attracted by the heavy breathing of the wife and ere he reached her side life was fast fluttering away and in a few seconds she had passed on.

The death while not wholly unexpected in this way was a shock to the family in its suddenness and to the many old time friends here who have known and esteemed this kindly friend and neighbor.

The deceased lady was a native of Dunkirk, New York, where she was born July 26, 1857, and spent her girlhood in the place of her nativity. She was married there on February 5, 1874, to Philip Balsler. The family resided in New York for some ten years after their marriage, coming to Nebraska in the middle eighties and locating on a farm near Farnam, where they continued to make their home until 1913 when they came to Plattsmouth to reside and have since made their home here. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Balsler there were six children born, one of whom, Robert W. Balsler, has preceded the mother in death. The surviving children are: Mrs. J. Balsler E. Hawkenberry, Seattle, C. J. Balsler, Omaha; A. H. W. Balsler, Colorado Springs; Mrs. Hugh Cecil, St. Paul, Nebraska; and Mrs. Lester Dalton of St. Edwards, Nebraska. There are also twelve grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

On locating at Farnam, Mrs. Balsler became a member of the Congregational church of that place which membership she still retains.

There was a brief prayer service held at the home here this afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Frank Emory Proulx, Mrs. E. H. Westcott and the Rev. W. J. Lamb, all of whom were well loved hymns, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me," and "The City Four Square," following which the body was taken to the Burlington station for shipment to the old home at Farnam.

In the hour of their sorrow the aged husband and the children will have the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends.

RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Thursday's Daily—
Fred Stewart this morning received a message that proved a real happy one as it conveyed the information that he was the happy father of a fine baby boy that arrived in Broken Bow last evening where Mrs. Stewart has been visiting at the home of her relatives and friends there for the past few weeks. The many friends of the family here will be delighted to learn of the good news and trust that the mother and little one may soon be able to return home to this city. It is needless to say that the occasion has been a most happy one for Fred and for the little sister of the new boy.

HOLD SCHOOL FOR OPERATORS

From Thursday's Daily—
Miss A. M. Seymore, of Lincoln, who occupies the responsible position of traveling chief operator for the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, was here for several days this week, holding a school of instruction for the operators at the local exchange as well as getting familiar with the local conditions and situation. Miss Seymore has one of the responsible positions with the telephone company and her work has added greatly to the efficiency of the service in the various exchanges that are operated by the Lincoln company.

PLANNING ON ATTENDING UNIVERSITY THIS WINTER

From Thursday's Daily—
Charles Egenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Egenberger of this city, who has been spending the past summer in working at the local shops of the Burlington is planning on resuming his work at the University of Nebraska the coming season, and expects in a few days to go there and look up a location for the year. Mr. Egenberger was a student at Nebraska in 1922-24 and will return to resume his special work there.

Mr. Egenberger is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school and his many friends are pleased to learn that he will continue his educational work in the state university.

MRS. RICHEY IMPROVING

From Thursday's Daily—
The last reports from the Immanuel hospital in Omaha indicate that Mrs. E. J. Richey, of this city, who is there recovering from a very severe operation for appendicitis is showing just as good a rate of improvement as could possibly be expected under the very severe nature of her case.

The patient was in a very critical shape when operated upon and her case has really been much better than was anticipated owing to the very severe nature of the operation and the complications. The friends are hopeful that her improvement may continue and will result in her regaining strength so that her return home may not be a matter of a long delay.

PAYING WORK NOW GETTING UNDER WAY

From Thursday's Daily—
The summer paving program in this city is now fast getting under way with the John Kern Construction company of Omaha on the job and arranging to get the work completed in as quick a period of time as possible.

The company has been busy with some of the preliminary work that is necessary on the John R. Webster boulevard where the entrance to the boulevard is being made more safe and practical by routing the approach through the former Parker property recently purchased by the city and which will eliminate the sharp turn from 12th street onto Elm that has proven very annoying to the travelers on this popular highway.

The construction company is removing a number of the large trees that formerly stood along the walk at the Parker place and which are removed to make way for the new highway that is to be a very pleasing addition to that part of the city.

The stakes have been set for the grading on this highway and the company have made their plans to push this work to a very rapid completion and have the boulevard in shape for travel in as short a time as possible.

The concrete paving in the residence districts will progress much faster than the brick work which requires the laying of a concrete base, as the company is well equipped to carry on the work and will be able to lay a large amount of the concrete every day when the work is well under way.

C. M. T. C. BOYS RETURNING

From Friday's Daily—
The young men who have been attending the citizen's military training camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, are now preparing to return home and the delegation from Cass county will be home either Saturday or Sunday, it is expected. Those from this county who are in attendance this year at the camp are: Oscar A. Campbell, Murray; Richmond Pierston Hobson, Weeping Water; Carl R. Keil, Raymond W. Lambert and Fred P. Triletty, Plattsmouth.

MOVIE CAMERAS TO CATCH THIS CITY IN ACTION

Pixley Producing Company of Omaha will Film School Children, Business Men, Etc.

From Thursday's Daily—
Plattsmouth will be transformed into a second Hollywood on Monday and Tuesday, September 7th and 8th. Motion picture cameras will be clicking on the streets all day long and Plattsmouth people who want to see how they look in motion pictures will have the opportunity.

The Pixley Producing company, of Omaha will do the filming and will show the pictures on the screen at the Parmele theatre on September 16th and 17th.

Pictures will also be made on the stage of the Parmele theatre in the evening of those days and all young women and young men who think they have qualifications for motion pictures will be given a try out.

A prize will be given to the one whom the audience chooses as the best possibility. The winner will also have an opportunity to get into motion pictures. Many of the motion picture stars of today have been found in this way. Doris Dwan, a popular star of today, was discovered at Norfolk, Nebraska, three years ago in this way.

Preliminary arrangements for the filming of the city and the test contest were made Thursday when Almeron Pixley, director, was in the city. He will return Monday, the 7th when the camera men will work all day taking Labor day scenes and pictures of Plattsmouth people and at night Mr. Pixley will film contestants at the theatre. On Tuesday the school children will be filmed. This will give the people of Plattsmouth and vicinity an opportunity to see just how motion pictures are made. Large portable studio lights, the same as those used in the studios at Hollywood, will be used for the filming on the stage at the Parmele theatre.

At least twenty-five girls are wanted for the try-outs and any one who wants to have a screen test made should apply at once to Managers Moore or Clodt at the box office of the Parmele theatre or by telephone or letter. All applicants will have an opportunity of being passed on by Mr. Pixley personally and will be told just what their chances of getting into motion pictures are. This information will be given gratis and is a rare opportunity for film aspirants.

TO ERECT A NEW HOME

From Thursday's Daily—
Fred Ahrens, one of the young farmers of the county, formerly residing near Nehawka, but who recently purchased a large tract of land west of Myard near the Lovell farm, is preparing to have his land improved by the erection of a very comfortable and modern home that will cost from \$2,500 to \$3,500 and which will make a very pleasing addition to the comfortable farm homes of that section of the county.

The residents of the community are pleased to see Mr. Ahrens decide to become a permanent resident of this portion of the county and start in to erect a fine and attractive home on his new farm.

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