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Red Cross Chapter Elects Its Officers

W. G. Kieck Selected as Chairman and Mrs. Henry Leacock, Sr., as Vice-President of Local Chapter.

From Monday's Daily— The meeting of the Plattsmouth chapter of the American Red Cross was held Saturday afternoon at the court house to take up the matter of the election of the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year as well as receiving the reports of the officers for the year.

The chapter at the present numbers 49 members but the chapter desires but a small amount from the memberships secured during the year as seventy-five cents of the dollar received must be sent away to the other head offices of the Red Cross.

In the past year the local chapter has been called upon to care for a number of cases of local relief work where immediate action was necessary and in which the Red Cross has proven a friend indeed to the persons who might be ill or in want. The policy of the local chapter has been to handle from their own offices the relief work as it allows personal investigation and immediate action in case where there exists a great need for relief.

At the meeting yesterday the old officers of the chapter were re-elected consisting of the following: Chairman—W. G. Kieck. Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Henry Leacock, Sr.

Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans. Treasurer—H. A. Schneider. Executive committee—W. G. Kieck, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, Mrs. Henry Leacock, H. A. Schneider, Frank H. Smith, A. H. Duxbury and W. A. Robertson.

The report of the treasurer showed the sum of \$1,869 in the treasury here and which furnished the basis for the relief work of the chapter in the community.

In the chapter have given liberally of their funds in relief work and notably in the Louisville flood where immediate need was very great.

ARRANGING FOR SCHOOL
From Monday's Daily— The school board in district No. 50, where the school building was destroyed by fire a few days ago, is getting busy on their plans for the continuance of the school work and for this purpose they are bending every effort that the young people have ample time for the completion of their school work.

The directors have secured the use of a tenant farm house on the Phillips farm, a short distance from the site of the burned school house and here they will hold school for the time that may be necessary to have the new building prepared.

County Superintendent Miss Alpha Peterson has been exerting the efforts of her office in securing books and supplies for the district that will replace those lost in the fire and which will be used by the children. Desks will be secured and placed in the temporary school building for the use of the scholars.

It is planned now to have a modern and up to date school building erected on the site of the old school and as soon as possible the directors hope to get busy on the job of reconstruction of the school.

CAPTAIN GAYER IMPROVING
From Monday's Daily— The many friends in this county of Captain Harrison L. Gayer, well known resident of south of this city, and also reserve officer in the national army, will be very much pleased to learn that Mr. Gayer is now showing a great deal of improvement in his health and that the prospects for his early recovery are very bright.

The captain is at the U. S. Veterans hospital at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, where he has been receiving treatment for the past several weeks and his case seems to be gradually yielding to treatment. Captain Gayer is sending his expression of gratitude to the host of friends in the county who remembered him Christmas day.

GOES TO ODD FELLOWS HOME
From Monday's Daily— This morning Andrew Nelson, aged resident of the city, who has made his home here for a great many years and has been a well known figure in the community, departed for York, Nebraska, where he will enter the Odd Fellows' home there to be cared for by the order of which he has long been a member.

Mr. Nelson has not been in the best of health for some years and with his crippled condition it has been difficult for him to get around and he felt that the care that he would receive at the Home would be much better for him than his former method of living and accordingly application was made and approved for his admission to the York home.

COLD SNAP BREAKING

From Monday's Daily— The excessive cold weather that swept down on this section of the west Saturday evening seems to be breaking up and gives hopes of soon bringing back the milder weather of the past week. The mercury yesterday showed the coldest weather of the winter season with 8 below zero being registered at 6 o'clock at the local Burlington station. The keen wind from the north that prevailed Sunday kept the larger part of the population indoors and served to make the furnaces and stoves the popular places of the day. This showed but zero and has steadily warmed up since the early morning.

Death of a Pioneer Grain Man in West

John C. Morrissey Dies at Lewiston, Idaho at Age of 82 Years—Was Grain Buyer Here.

From Monday's Daily— The local Masonic lodge has received word of the death of one of its former members of many years ago, John C. Morrissey, who although he has departed from the lodge years ago still retained a great interest in the old friends in the order here and who have been informed of the death of the aged gentleman.

Mr. Morrissey was while a resident of Plattsmouth a grain dealer, being associated with his brother, Michael Morrissey, in this line of work and which will bring him to the recollection of the older residents in this city and vicinity. In the late eighties Mr. Morrissey removed to the west and located in Idaho where he has since made his home, the greater part of the time in the recent years being with his daughter, Mrs. Robert R. Anderson at Lewiston.

On November 10th he was stricken with paralysis, which at his advanced age of 82 years made his case very serious and led to his death on November 23rd.

Up to the time of his last sickness Mr. Morrissey retained his usual alertness of mind and bodily vigor that his great age had little impaired.

Two daughters and a son are left to mourn his passing, Mrs. R. R. Anderson, Lewiston, Idaho, Mrs. T. J. Butcher, New York and F. W. Morrissey of Kansas City, Missouri. There are also four sisters and one brother left to mourn Mr. Morrissey, all of these residing in Canada.

City Loses in Gravel Injunction Hearing

District Court Grants Request for Injunction as Prayed for by the South Side Residents.

From Tuesday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon the case of Julius A. Pitz, Alber Murray, John H. Wilcox, Joseph E. Bull, John V. Jirousek, George Brinklow and Lydis M. Walton vs. the City of Plattsmouth was called for trial in the district court and resulted in a victory for the plaintiffs in the case.

This action was one in which the plaintiffs who are residents in the south part of the city sought to prevent the city including their property in gravel district No. 40, which was created by the city to care for the cost of paving the road from the Chicago avenue paving to the vicinity of the C. E. Cook farm.

The plaintiffs sought and obtained an injunction against the city to prevent the property being included in the district through the fact that the work of graveling in the vicinity of the property of the plaintiffs was done by the contractor performing the work for Cass county and was performed long before the graveling district was created. The plaintiffs in their petition stated that there had been no graveling done by the John Keane's Construction Co. for the city on the section of roadway adjoining their property and therefore the city had no right to levy an assessment against the property.

Funeral of Mrs. McKenzie Held Sunday

Services Held at the First Methodist Church and Interment Made at Oak Hill Cemetery.

From Monday's Daily— The funeral service for Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie was held from the First Methodist church of this city yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the church. A quartette composed of Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Roman and Messrs. Frady and Cecil sang "The Touch of His Hand on Mine" and "Son of My Soul," accompanied by Mr. E. H. Westcott at the organ. The pallbearers were cousins, namely Frank Adair, Leo Bronson, Joe Elwood and Ernest Buttery and James Rishel.

The service was a beautiful tribute to the good life of this well known woman, and the floral offerings were an indication of the esteem and sympathy which the entire community expressed for her untimely death. The obituary follows: Myrtle Elizabeth Hall was born on Christmas day, 1890, at Papillion, Nebraska. After about two years the family moved to Plattsmouth where they have since resided and the family reared. Myrtle had her home here, her many friends, her school, her church.

April 15th 1915, she was married to Earl E. McKenzie. Four years ago they moved to Aurora where they have lived. Three children came to bless their home, viz. Betty Jane, Earl Wayne, and Margaret Jean. The first child tarried but a few hours and went on to await the coming of its mother, which occurred on Christmas day 1925, about the same time of day that she came into the world.

Besides the husband and three children those of her family who are left to mourn are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hall of this city, two brothers, George, of Goodland, Kansas, and Carl who is at home, and one sister Mrs. Carl Groff, who resides in Plattsmouth. There is also the aged grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Archer; four aunts and two uncles and their families; Mrs. Rishel, Mrs. Buttery, Mrs. Adair and Mrs. Bronson and Sam and Gideon Archer.

Mrs. McKenzie belonged to this church nearly all of her life, holding her membership at Aurora since moving there. She also belonged to the O. E. S.

Among those to attend the funeral from out of the city were the following: Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Branson and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Branson of Omaha; Mrs. Susie Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stueber, Lincoln, C. G. McKenzie, Liberty, John Loess, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Buttery of Pender, Frank Adair of Springfield, Miss Fannie Reynolds, Albert and Clark Reynolds of Richfield, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Goodland, Kansas, J. A. Hoesbeck of Sioux City, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfie Woodruff, Omaha.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Monday's Daily— The home of Mrs. G. E. Brubaker at the Coronado apartments was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering on Saturday afternoon when the hostess entertained several tables of bridge. The decorations were in the Christmas coloring of red and green and made a very pretty setting for the happy event that was enjoyed by the ladies. In the contests Miss Kermit Wiles was awarded the first prize while the second prize was given to Miss Amelia Martens for her skill in the bridge games.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess at an appropriate hour that added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

ENJOY OLD FASHIONED DANCE

From Monday's Daily— There was a very large number present Saturday evening at the Modern Woodmen hall to enjoy the old fashioned dance that had been planned for the occasion. The members of the dancing party not only had the opportunity of stepping off the measures of the real old time dances that were the favorites many years ago and for which the Gravel orchestra played, but also the chance of waltzing, one-stepping and the measures of the two-step to the excellent music furnished by the Gradowice orchestra. There will be another of these popular dances given on next Saturday evening and the same music will assist in the enjoyment of the dancers.

FILES SUIT IN COURT

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning a transcript was filed in the offices of the district court in the case of Roy Younker vs. William Doughty, appealed from the justice court at Union. The action is for the sum of \$33.48 which the plaintiff alleges to be due for labor and wages. Attorney Charles L. Graves of Union appears for the plaintiff and W. A. Robertson for the defendant.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening Edgar Westcott was host to a party of young school friends at a very enjoyable holiday theatre party at the Parmele theatre and which was followed by an equally pleasant time spent at the Morgan Sweet Shop. After the theatre the young people enjoyed dancing at Morgan's until a suitable hour when dainty refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of the occasion very much. There were some thirty in the jolly party. The event was given by Mr. Westcott in honor of the friends here from school for the holiday season.

Lee Jennings Recovers on Insurance Policy

Suit Against the State Farmers Insurance Co. Results in a Victory for the Plaintiff.

From Monday's Daily— This morning in the district court the action of Lee Jennings vs. the State Farmers Insurance Co., came up for hearing before Judge James T. Begley, the plaintiff having brought the action for the collection of a loss alleged to have occurred to the plaintiff in the action in the destruction of his barn by fire.

The plaintiff alleged that he was insured in the defendant State Farmers Insurance Co. for the sum of \$1,100, the policy covering as the plaintiff claimed his property on the farm south of this city as well as personal property such as the household goods. On the removal of Mr. Jennings from the farm to this city he had made a request for the transfer of \$500 of the policy on the household goods to cover the change in residence to this city. It was the contention of the plaintiff that he wished the other features of the policy to remain unchanged with the exception of the household goods. The plaintiff introduced testimony to show that the request had been so made and that he was not aware of the exact wording of the second policy until after the barn had been destroyed by fire when he found that a policy for \$500 on the household goods only and that in accordance with the expressed wish of the plaintiff as shown by the blank that the company had prepared the policy and sent it to Mr. Jennings with no protest from him as to the matter until after the fire.

The court after the hearing of the evidence by Mr. Mullen for the defendant and D. O. Dwyer for the plaintiff held that the plaintiff had a right to recover as he had paid premium on the full policy of the company and which was to have run a year and that on the old policy he had expressed his wishes in the matter and this allowed the reformation of the policy by the court. The amount that will be recovered by Mr. Jennings will be \$400.

FUNERAL OF LOUIS FURLONG

From Tuesday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church was held the funeral services of Louis Furlong, well known and young man, victim of a fatal auto accident Friday night near Modale, Iowa.

There were a large number of the old friends from the boyhood home of Mr. Furlong near Rock Bluffs, present, as well as a number from Missouri Valley, Iowa, who had known and loved the departed young man in his last years.

Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, conducted the services and gave words of sympathy to the bereaved father and other relatives who had been so suddenly called upon to part with their loved one.

During the service Frank A. Cloidt gave two numbers, "No Night There," and "Face to Face."

At the conclusion of the services the cortege proceeded to the Young cemetery south of this city where the body was laid to the last long sleep beside those of his family who had preceded him in death.

DEPUTY SHERIFF INJURED

From Monday's Daily— Deputy Sheriff W. C. Schaus, who with his family has been spending the holiday season at Lincoln with his parents, was unfortunate enough to suffer an accident that has marred the Christmas pleasures for the deputy.

Mr. Schaus was starting out on Christmas day from the home of his parents and slipped and fell, spraining his left ankle very badly and which made it necessary for the injured ankle to receive medical treatment. The injured member is doing as well as could possibly be expected, but will lay up the deputy for some little time.

Masonic Temple Place of Beauty After Remodeling

Improvements Made by Members on Interior of the Building that Make Fine Appearance.

From Tuesday's Daily— The Masonic temple in this city has been thoroughly remodeled and redecorated on the interior of the building and has a right to claim to be one of the handsomest lodge rooms that house the craft in the state.

The work that has transformed the interior of the temple has all been the contribution of the members of the order as the labor on the building has been carried on by the membership and represents their individual sacrifices of time and labor in making their lodge room a place of beauty and charm.

The partition that formerly separated the dining room from the lodge room has been removed, giving the lodge room the full 44 foot width of the building, which will be appreciated in carrying out the drills and floor work of the various Masonic bodies that use the room.

The ceiling of the new lodge room is of steel, beamed and finished in white that is very effective in giving greater lighting effect to the room. The arch and the partitions on the south of the lodge room have also been painted in the luminous white that adds to the beauty of the room and its impressiveness as the various branches of the order stage their work.

The side walls of the room are finished with a light tan paper on the upper portion of the walls, through which the white painted wood panels run, while the lower portion of the sidewalls are finished in a darker shade of tan, making a very effective combination.

To add to the beauty of the room, new and modern lighting equipment has been installed that makes the interior bright and attractive.

There are several other improvements that have not as yet been completed, including a new carpeting that will cover the greater portion of the floor of the lodge room and will be of the heavy, sound-proof pattern used on floors of this kind. Surrounding this, and extending along the sides of the room occupying the space used for seats for the members will be heavy inlaid linoleum. New seats and benches will also be added to the equipment of the lodge room for the use of the members of the craft at the lodge meetings.

Not alone in the lodge room is the spirit of improvement shown, but also in the kitchen and dining room of the Masons have carried on their work of beautifying the temple. The kitchen has been arranged so as to be readily accessible for deliveries from a doorway at the head of the stairs and the dining room directly south of the kitchen and extending to the rear of the building over the Arries Billiard Parlor, is directly accessible from the lodge room.

The ceiling of the dining room is finished in white with the side walls in tan and light brown, while new curtains at the windows add their touch of attractiveness to the room.

The kitchen has been most conveniently arranged with gas and coal ranges, large sink and spacious cupboards and a counter over which dishes may be passed direct from the stoves to the waiters in the dining room.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily— The message was received here last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauzy conveying the very pleasant news of the fact of the arrival of a fine little son and heir at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verdon Vroman at Chicago. The mother and little son who are at the Ravenswood hospital are reported as doing very nicely. Mrs. Vroman was formerly Miss Marion Mauzy of this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauzy while Mr. Vroman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Vroman and the pleasant news has made a most happy occasion for the two families.

Royal Neighbors Elect New Set of Officers

Largely Attended Meeting With a Great Deal of Interest Shown in the Proceedings.

From Tuesday's Daily— The members of the Royal Neighbors of America, one of the leading fraternal organizations of ladies of the city and the auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen of America, held a largely attended and very interesting meeting last evening at the M. W. A. hall.

One of the chief matters of the meeting to come up was the election of the officers of the lodge and the following were selected for the stations: Oracle—Mrs. Alvin Jones. Vice-Oracle—Mrs. W. F. Clark.

Past Oracle—Mrs. M. L. Buttery. Chancellor—Mrs. O. C. Hudson. Recorder—Mrs. Gladys Iske. Receiver—Mrs. Henry Leacock, Sr. Marshal—Mrs. George Klingner. Manager—Mrs. V. T. Arn. Inner Sentinel—Mrs. James Rebal. Outer Sentinel—Mrs. P. A. McCrary. Musician—Mrs. Helen Meisinger. Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

The ladies were occupied with the various business activities that were demanding their attention and which did not permit the enjoyment of any of the social features of the order and after the important and interesting work of the evening it was a late hour when the members departed for their homes.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERTAINED

From Tuesday's Daily— The parsonage of the St. Paul's Evangelical church was the scene of a most delightful gathering on Sunday evening when a large party of the young people of the church gathered to spend the evening with Rev. O. G. Wichmann and his daughters, Misses Hildegard and Eva.

The parsonage is now a very attractive place and with the daughters of the genial pastor to assist in the entertaining of the members of the party the occasion was one that everyone appreciated to the utmost.

The time was spent in playing games of various kinds that afforded a pleasing diversion for the members of the party and at a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that proved a pleasant part of the evening's program of enjoyment.

Knights Templar Hold Inspection of Commandery

Dr. H. A. Senter, Grand Commander of Nebraska and Other Dignitaries Attend the Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening Mt. Zion commandery Knights Templar held a very largely attended convocation at their lodge rooms in the Masonic temple, the occasion being the annual inspection of the commandery and for which was present a large party of distinguished visitors and officers of the order.

Preceding the work of the commandery the members and the party of visitors were entertained very pleasantly at a 6 o'clock dinner served in the dining room of the temple, which was arranged and served by the ladies of the Sr Knights and made a most enjoyable prologue to the interesting session that followed. The dining room was arranged in the Templar colors of black and white, this note being used in the table decorations. The tables were arranged in the form of the passion cross that carried out the emblem of this branch of Masonry.

The banquet was presided over by William F. Ewers, commander of Mt. Zion commandery in his usual pleasant manner and which with the delicious repast and the clever serving of the ladies made the event one that will long be pleasantly remembered.

Following the dinner the members of the order repaired to the lodge room where the active work of the evening was opened. In the party of visitors here were, Right Eminent Sir Knight Herbert A. Senter of Omaha, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, Very Eminent Sir Knight James M. Robertson of this city, deputy grand commander, Sir Knight Leroy T. Wilcox of Omaha, inspector general, representing the grand commandery of the United States. A number of the officers of the Nebraska City Templars were also in attendance at the meeting.

The officers and commandery were inspected by inspector general and other of the grand commandery officers and which was followed by the conferring of the degree of the temple on Harry A. Lightbody, the work being carried out in fine form by the local officers.

At the close of the ritualistic work a number of addresses were given, Dr. Senter, grand commander and Inspector General Wilcox making the most extended remarks that covered this part of the work of the great craft of Masonry and which was inspirational and pleasing to the members of the local commandery. The visitors had many words of praise for the able manner in which the affairs of the local commandery is conducted.

A HAPPY EVENT

From Monday's Daily— A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, Beaver City, Nebraska on December 27th. Mrs. Hall was formerly Miss Florence Rummel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rummel of this city.

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