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Plattsmouth to be Host to Big Legion Meeting

American Legion Members to Flock Here in May—Arrangements are Now Under Way.

From Thursday's Daily—Last night's Legion meeting at the public library auditorium was largely devoted to preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming first district American Legion convention to be held in this city the third Thursday in May.

A preliminary arrangements committee composed of seven members was named by Post Commander Tom Walling to work in co-operation with the Plattsmouth Ad club, which has already pledged its financial support to the entertaining of the large number of visiting Legionnaires who will make Plattsmouth their goal for the one day, and the Chamber of Commerce will also be asked to lend its support.

On the committee Commander Walling named the following, each to have charge of some phase of the arrangements, to-wit: Edwin Fricke, parade; Maldon Brown, finance; Henry Soenichsen, feed; Raymond Larson, sports; Fred Lugsch, dance; Roy Holly, hospitality to distinguished state Legionnaires; Frank Smith, publicity.

In addition to this, the afternoon cornerstone laying ceremonies for the new community building sponsored by the Legion, will be in direct charge of the Legion building committee composed of George Petring, Edwin Fricke, Leslie Niel, Emil Hild and Elmer Webb and the public advisory committee composed of Judge James T. Begley, Wm. A. Robertson and R. A. Bates.

At the meeting last night plans were also laid for the holding of the annual Legion banquet and the date has been set for the evening of Washington's birthday. The committee named to have charge of arrangements for this is composed of Father George Pictor, Fred Lugsch, Otto Lutz, A. de Luxe feed will be provided and it is quite possible the new department adjutant C. W. Conklin will be here at that time as a special guest of the post. This year's banquet will be limited to ex-service men, as has been the case prior to the one of last year.

Final reports on the carnival were read, showing the Legion's half of the net proceeds, the Elk's contribution of 20 per cent of their half, and the amount derived from the sale of the car donated by T. H. Pedlock for the furthering of the building project. These amount will be found itemized in the revised list of contributors to the building fund, published elsewhere in today's Journal, their total being slightly under \$1,650.00.

RECEIVES SIGNAL HONOR

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. E. H. Westcott, one of the best known musicians in this city was notified today of the fact that she has been selected as chairman of the music department of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. Westcott has been quite active in the musical circles of this city and appearing on several programs at various state meetings of the ladies societies in which she has made a great impression by her work and which has led to the request that she head this department of the state federation. Mrs. Westcott left this afternoon for Omaha to attend a meeting of her committee that will take up matters of musical work of the club. Mrs. Westcott has been always generous in her donations of time and efforts in musical programs and work in this community and the honor that has been conferred upon her will be more than pleasing to the host of warm friends.

LOCAL PASTOR HONORED

From Thursday's Daily—Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city has just been honored with being selected as one of the Nebraska clergymen to speak at the area conference of the Methodist church which is to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, on January 28th and 29th. Rev. Pfoutz has a reputation over the state as a pulpit orator and the fact that a very few of the Nebraska ministers were selected by the Iowa conference makes his selection a very pleasing recognition and one that he can feel honored in receiving.

MRS. ROY JAMES ILL

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Roy James, of Malvern, Iowa, who has been here at the home of her aunt, Miss Emma DeHart and her brother, Ward Whelan, for some time, is quite sick, suffering from bronchial trouble that has made her case very serious. Mrs. James came here to care for her three children who were attending school here and were taken down with whooping cough, and while here she was herself taken sick. The children are now doing nicely, but the mother is quite poorly.

TAKE MAN TO LINCOLN

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon Sheriff E. P. Stewart departed for Lincoln taking with him John Mouch, Nehawka man, whose attack of insanity had created a great deal of excitement in the vicinity of his home and also at the county jail where he was confined. Mr. Mouch was accompanied by a number of his relatives, which had a very quieting effect on him and he was peacefully and docile on the trip to the state hospital, where he will undergo treatment. The unfortunate man was suffering from the effects of his attempt to cut his throat, but it is not thought the injury will prove serious.

Plattsmouth Ad Club Holds Election Today

C. C. Westcott is Again Named as President of Business Men's Organization of City.

From Thursday's Daily—The noonday luncheon of the Plattsmouth Ad club today was featured by the annual election of the officers of the club, the nominating committee composed of Henry Gos and John L. Tidball, Jr., presenting the names of candidates to be voted upon for the various offices of the club.

Despite the efforts of President C. C. Westcott to retire from his position, the members of the committee and the club refused to accept his declination of the office for the coming year and insisted that he remain in the harness for the coming year.

Other of the officers elected were as follows: Vice President—H. A. Schneider. Secretary—E. A. Fricke. Treasurer—E. A. Wurl.

The work of the retiring officers has been of great assistance to the advancement of the best interests of the club and the members feel very grateful to them for their services.

George Petring Disposes of O K Garage Building

D. M. Remington of Mondamin, Iowa, Secured the Fine Garage Building in This City.

From Thursday's Daily—The O. K. garage building on Washington avenue, owned by George K. Petring, the local representative of the Ford company, has been disposed of by the owner to Mr. D. M. Remington of Mondamin, Iowa, the deal being consummated on Tuesday evening. Mr. Petring will still look after the building and its care and rental until the new owner can make his plans as to what he wishes to do with the property. It is probable that Mr. Remington will have the building later on operated by his son, as a garage but this will not be until in the late spring or summer.

COUNTY OFFICIALS FILE REPORTS WITH THE BOARD

From Thursday's Daily—At the session of the county commissioners this week the regular reports of the county officials were received by the board and filed, these showing the amount of fees received. Some of the officials presented their fourth quarterly reports while others gave both the quarterly reports and a consolidated annual report as well.

The county judge reported for the quarter fees in the amount of \$1,662.82. The receipts in the office of the clerk of the district court for the quarter just ended, totaled the sum of \$1,124.72.

The county clerk's office reported quarterly receipts at \$57.75 and the yearly report showed the sum of \$266.78. One of the largest showings was that of the office of the water commissioner, who reported the quarterly report showed the sum of \$442.65 and the yearly report the sum of \$2,321.85.

In the sheriff's office for the quarter ending December 31st there was reported the sum of \$196.22, while for the year the amount was \$634.15. The office of the county superintendent reported for the half year receipts in the amount of \$201.

JURY JUSTIFIES KILLING

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Helen M. Schultz, eighteen-year-old unwedded mother, was acquitted by a jury of the murder of Edward Listers, Jr., thirty-one, whom she shot to death October 27, after he had refused to marry her. The jury deliberated for forty minutes.

Newspaper advertising pays!

Catholic Daughters Enjoy a Fine Time Last Night

Business Session Held at the School Building and Followed by a Fine Social Time.

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday was a very pleasant occasion in the annals of the Catholic Daughters of America of this city and which was also a very fitting tribute to the services that Mrs. P. J. Flynn has given as the recent of the local chapter of the order.

The first portion of the evening was spent in the business session at the St. John's school, the meeting being presided over by Miss Mac Murphy, the newly elected regent, in her accustomed pleasant manner. After the regular business of the evening the members of the society were invited to the home of Mrs. Frank Mullen on North 6th street, where the social features of the evening were staged.

At the pleasant Mullen home the ladies found an evening of the rarest enjoyment and where Mrs. Flynn was pleasantly surprised by the ladies with whom she has been associated since the organization of the court. Miss Anna Eys, on behalf of the court presented Mrs. Flynn with a very handsome bouquet of roses, which were accepted with the greatest of feeling by the recipient.

Mrs. William Woolcott, Mrs. F. I. Rae and Miss May Murphy each gave words of appreciation of the work of Mrs. Flynn for the court and the order here.

At a suitable hour the refreshment committee served a very dainty and delicious luncheon that was very much enjoyed by all of those in attendance.

Among the out of town guests who were present were Mrs. M. E. Jordan and Mrs. Sarah Bisey, Hayes, Kansas, Mrs. D. R. Gould, York, Mrs. H. J. Tinney, Lawrence, Kansas.

RACE IS HEART BREAKER

Not since the dash of the "Flying Dutchman" several months ago has the city been stirred by a sporting event as it was last night when a try was taken at the world's 100 yard dash record by two well known employees of the local Burlington shops that we will call for this occasion, Bill and John.

For days and even weeks the discussion has waged as to who was the most fleet of foot, William, the proud decedent of the kings of Old Ireland or John, whose ancestors came from the sunken vineyards along the Rhine. Friends of the two men have argued and waded as to who could win the title in the dash on the cinder path and the affair culminated last evening in the try for the 100 yard dash.

As the two men came from their work at the Burlington shop it was decided that the test of prowess should take place and before the audience of their fellow workers should be tested the question of who was the champion of speed. The men lined up and the signal to start was given, the men like trained kings of the race track, sprang forward from the mark, the crowd cheered and it seemed that the race was on in real earnest, but ere many steps had been taken John fell, tripping it is claimed over his own feet, but anyway measuring his length on the cinder track, while Bill sped on, seeming like a flash which later he proved to be. John recovered his poise and again dashed onward toward his foe and when it seemed that the crown of victory should be placed on the brow of William he became possessed of the impression that he was at first base and slide into the cinders for a try at a safety while John with a rush of wind that he had acquired in his long work as a dance promoter, came by and under the wire, the winner, William by a few steps was deprived of the honor.

So now when the question of fleetness of foot is suggested John can truthfully throw out his chest and say, "Look Me over Girls" or as they used to say it "The King is Dead, Long Live the King."

FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

From Friday's Daily—This morning the mill of justice over which William Weber presides as police judge, was grinding with a stranger giving the name of Jack Donovan as the victim. The charges placed against the man was that of being drunk and he was taken last evening at the corner of 5th and Main street suffering from the excess of drink and lodged in jail by Officer Clyde Jackson, the man later being released on a cash bond of \$16 that was a guarantee of his appearance. This morning the defendant was present in the court of Judge William Weber and received a fine of \$10 and costs as prescribed by law, amounting to \$13.50 which was amply covered by the bond.

School supplies at the Bates Book Store.

BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING

From Thursday's Daily—This morning J. L. Carnicle, one of the well known residents of South Bend was in the city visiting for a few hours and while here was a caller at the Journal office for a short time. Mr. Carnicle is a firm believer in the potency of Journal advertising, as he recently ran an ad in the Journal for some stock for sale and in a few days received an inquiry from a stock raiser of the state who had seen the advertisement in this paper and in a few hours the stock advertised was sold and the out state man felt well pleased over his bargain.

A. W. Dawson, Old Resident of City, Very Low

Aged Man is at St. Luke's Hospital in Detroit Suffering from a Stroke of Paralysis.

From Thursday's Daily—A message was received here today by the Evening Journal announcing the fact that A. W. Dawson, one of the old pioneer residents of this city, but now living at Detroit, Michigan, is in a very critical condition there.

Mr. Dawson was stricken last June with a paralytic stroke shortly following the death of his wife and has since that time suffered a second stroke and the present one is the third of these attacks and makes the condition of the aged man very serious. He is at the St. Luke's hospital in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson made their home in Detroit for the past eight or nine years where their son Frederick G. Dawson has been employed, and since the death of the wife, Mr. Dawson has been failing very rapidly. The news of his illness will bring a great regret to the many friends in this community who have known him for many years.

A. W. Dawson came to Plattsmouth in the early seventies, his brother, C. S. Dawson, being at that time storekeeper for the Burlington at this point, and the family resided here for many years. When first coming here Mr. Dawson was engaged in working on the transfer boats used here by the Burlington to transport their grain across the Missouri river and continued in that work until the construction of the bridge here over the Missouri river. Later Mr. Dawson was employed in the upholstery department of the Burlington shops and continued in that work until his retirement just prior to his leaving this city for the east.

During the long years of his residence here, Mr. Dawson was a prominent figure in the city and a good and faithful citizen of the community and his illness brings a sense of great regret to the many friends in this community.

EPISCOPAL LADIES HAVE VERY PLEASANT MEETING

From Friday's Daily—The members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's Episcopal church held a very pleasant meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Cummins, with a very pleasing number of the ladies in attendance and with a great deal of interest shown in the proceedings of the afternoon meeting.

The annual lecture of officers was taken up and the following named: President—Mrs. Frank L. Cummins.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. T. Begley. Secretary—Mrs. R. F. Patterson. Treasurer—Mrs. B. A. Rosencrans. The meeting was also occupied with the study of Latin America, and the leader of the afternoon was Mrs. George D. Pierce, who presented an interesting paper on "How the Church Can Help Latin America to Gain True Freedom."

The ladies also selected their delegates and alternates to the diocesan council at Omaha on January 18th. Mrs. B. A. Rosencrans, Mrs. G. K. Petring and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans being named as the delegates with Mrs. G. E. DeWolf, Mrs. Henry Herold and Mrs. R. F. Patterson as the alternatives.

At the close of the afternoon dainty refreshments were served that added to the completion of the delightful occasion.

GIVEN A SURPRISE PARTY

From Friday's Daily—A very pleasant surprise was given by Mrs. W. C. Hewitt and Mrs. W. A. Hewitt on Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Handley last evening at the home of the Handley family, it being their wedding anniversary as well as the birthday of Mrs. Handley.

The evening was spent in dancing which proved a most pleasant diversion and at a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served that added interest to the occasion, the hostesses assisted by Mrs. George Weyer doing the serving. There was a very large party of the friends present to enjoy the occasion.

Commissioners Plan Extension of Road Gravel

Five Miles from This City to Platte River and "O" Street Road to be Hard Surfaced.

From Friday's Daily—The board of county commissioners of Cass county at their session this week took steps to advance the gravelled roads of the county in the passing of a resolution that the next gravel propositions that were placed in the state and federal aid highways in the county would be that of the King of Trails highway from the north end of Webster boulevard at the northern boundary of the city, to the Platte river, and the "O" street road from the Lancaster county line east to the village of Union, where it joins the King of Trails highway running north and south.

The action of the commissioners should assure the early action of the state highway department on the hard surfacing of the two important roads in this county to be completed partially started and which are to be taken up in the order of their seniority in the files of the state and federal aid movement.

The King of Trails was the first federal and state aid road to be started in this county and in fact among the very first in the state, and it has now been gravelled from the Otee county line to Plattsmouth, being routed over the paved streets of this city to the northern boundary, leaving but five miles of the project remaining in this county to be completed to the Platte river, the boundary line, and from there north the improvement work will be in the hands of the Sarpy county road authorities, as Douglas county has their part of the highway completed.

At present the King of Trails is hard surfaced from the Nebraska line below Falls City north to Plattsmouth and from Omaha south to the Fort Crook main gate, leaving a distance of only about ten miles, half of it in Cass and half in Sarpy county, to complete the work.

Vast strides were made last year, when the 17 miles from here to the Otee county line and the entire distance from the south Otee line to Falls City was gravelled, linking up with Otee county's program of the year before.

The "O" street road has been graded and arranged for the surfacing, under the direction of the state department of public works and will, when completed, serve a large territory in the southern and western part of the county and allow the easy travel to and from the county seat, which at this time they find rather poor at times.

The action of the board will be transmitted to the state department of public works for their action as soon as they are ready to take up the 1926 program of improvement of the state and federal aid highways.

With the money available from the gasoline tax, it will be a matter of but a short time until further road surfacing can be done in Cass county, and among the projects that will doubtless receive early consideration are the Red Ball from Murray to the Louisville road from Plattsmouth to the Louisville precinct line, and the Greenwood road from the west Louisville precinct line to join up with the D L D at Greenwood.

A few years will work wonders in the line, as attested by northern Iowa roads, where the improvement program was started several years ago and has resulted in many of the main arteries being now paved, while in many counties every so-called "farm-to-market" highway is gravel-surfaced.

SENDS A FINE ORANGE

The Journal office a few days ago received a large sized orange by mail from far off California, it being sent from Hawthorne, California and for some time it was hard to determine just who the gift was from, but a letter later from Mrs. Martha Peterson of this city who is sojourning in the west gave the information that she was the party sending the delicious fruit, and which she had picked at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark White on whom she is calling and going into the front yard gathered a specimen of the delicious fruit. Mrs. Peterson is visiting at the James Laughridge home and with other of the old friends and acquaintances in the post country and having a real outing of the winter months.

FILES SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

From Thursday's Daily—An action in the district court was commenced today by Frank Sebata against John W. Clark et al, in which the plaintiff seeks to have title to certain real estate in this city quieted in him. A. L. Tidd appears as the attorney for the plaintiff.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

Last evening the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church held a very pleasant business and social meeting at the church which was enjoyed by a pleasing number of the young people of the society.

The meeting was under the leadership of Miss Louise Rummel and was one that was filled with pleasure as well as profit to all of the members of the party.

The young people enjoyed a number of games during the latter part of the evening that added to their pleasant evening. Dainty refreshments served at an appropriate hour also added to the interest of the meeting.

Newly Weds are Given Surprise Last Nite

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neitzel Enjoy a Delightful Surprise Given in Their Honor Last Night.

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neitzel, whose marriage occurred on last Saturday, were made the guests of honor at a very pleasant surprise and reception which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kozak in the west part of the city, Mrs. Kozak being a sister of Mrs. Neitzel.

The affair was very cleverly arranged, Mr. and Mrs. Neitzel being at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotner during the early part of the evening and were called home by a telephone message, arriving there to find the house filled with a merry party of friends who joined in giving them a real reception and a shower of well wishes on the happy event.

The evening was spent in dancing and games at which a great deal of amusement was derived and at a suitable hour a very enjoyable lunch was served by Mrs. Kozak that added to the completeness of the occasion of frolic and fun.

Those attending the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames Jack Neitzel, Clarence C. Cotner, Frank Kozak, Frank Horsack, Henry Kaufmann, Edward Cotner, Charles Renner, Louis Smetana, Misses Viola Meisinger, Florence Kaufmann, Helen Smetana, Anna Smetana, Helen Cecchi, Messrs. Leo Boynton, Frank Rouchka and Thomas Sedlak.

PLATTSMOUTH LADY MARRIED

From Friday's Daily—The announcement has been received here by the relatives and friends of the marriage on Saturday, January 2nd, at Trenton, Missouri of Miss Marie Hutchison daughter of W. P. Hutchison of this city and Mr. Chester Jackson of Jamesport, Missouri.

The bride had gone to Trenton for a visit over the holiday and while there the young people decided they should have the marriage ceremony performed.

The wedding came as a surprise to the many friends of the bride in this community where she has made her home since childhood and in her new home she will take the heartiest and best wishes of the host of friends.

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Methodist Sunday School Has Election

A. H. Duxbury Again Selected as Superintendent of the School—Other Officers Named.

From Thursday's Daily—The meeting of the official board of the Sunday school of the First Methodist church was held last evening at the church and was very largely attended by the members.

The opening of the evening was marked by a very fine dinner served by the Queen Esther society of the church in the parlors and which was a most fitting prelude to the evening of important business that awaited the members of the board. The ladies of the society had prepared a most delicious repast that embraced all that anyone could desire and was very much appreciated by the members of the board.

The election of the officers was held following the supper and the following were named: Superintendent—A. H. Duxbury. Asst. Supt.—J. A. Capwell. Secretary—Miss Margaret Mapes. Treasurer—Harry White. Department Supts.—Adult, C. C. Westcott; Intermediate, Mrs. A. S. Christ; Junior, Harry White; assistant, Mrs. V. T. Arn; Primary, Mrs. R. B. Hayes; assistant, Mrs. Frank Farkus; Organist, Mrs. Harry Lewis; Enrolling Secretary, Miss Jessie Robertson; Librarians—Joe Buttery and Justus Lillie.

Following the election there was the usual weekly prayer service led by the pastor, Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, and participated in by all of the members of the board and of the church congregation.

The Methodist Sunday school is probably the largest of any denomination in the city and is conducted on the graded system similar to the public school, the pupils starting in as little tots in the cradle roll and ending in the adult classes where the more mature studies of the bible and the church work adds to the interest of the studies.

M. D. A. AUXILIARY MEETS

The M. D. A. auxiliary held a very pleasant meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Otto Luschinsky which was attended by a very pleasing number of the members of the society.

The time was spent in games after the close of the business session and in which a great deal of pleasure was found by the members, the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Vera Handley being made a feature of the occasion, the friends joining in their well wishes to the guest of honor of the occasion.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the interest and pleasure of the members of the party.

The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Hans Heinrich.

Phone us the news.