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City Pays Its Tribute to the Honored Dead

With Beautiful Flowers and Spoken Words of Praise the City Joins in Memorial Observance

From Tuesday's Daily—
Plattsmouth and its people paused yesterday in the busy tasks of life to pay a tribute to the nation's honored dead, with beautiful flowers, the flash of flag and color and the words of tribute that marked the Memorial day exercises at the Parnelle theatre.

In pursuance of the proclamation of Mayor C. A. Johnson and the decision of the citizens, the business houses of the city closed their doors at 10 o'clock as the members of the G. A. R., W. R. C. and American Legion prepared to depart from the court house for the cemetery.

At the Oak Hill cemetery there were services held at the G. A. R. mound in the south portion of the old cemetery, where the ritualistic ceremonies were carried out and in which all of the patriotic societies participated. At the conclusion of these, the W. R. C. ladies proceeded with the task of decorating the graves of some 140 Civil war veterans whose bodies are resting in that beautiful city of the silent.

The World War veterans conducted their services at the American Legion plat, the services being in charge of H. G. Soennichsen, commander, with Rev. H. E. Sorter as chaplain and the saluting detail of former soldiers and sailors in charge of Lieutenant J. A. Capwell.

At the conclusion of the services, the scene was one of tenderness as hundreds who had not been able to reach the cemetery before carried on their work of decorating the graves.

Ceremonies of Afternoon
The attendance at the Parnelle theatre at the memorial services was one of the best in years and the program was one of impressiveness and worthy honor to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the soldiers and sailors of the other wars of our nation.

Owing to illness Col. M. A. Bates, commander of the local G. A. R. post was unable to be present as honorary chairman of the meeting and the task of the chairmanship was carried on by C. A. Rawls, captain in the Spanish-American war.

The services opened with the singing of "America," and at its conclusion the invocation was offered by the Rev. H. E. Sorter, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The boys of the Central building, under the direction of Miss Amelia Martens, then presented their flag drill, giving a beautiful and inspiring story of the flag observance and usage.

H. L. Gayer, former captain in the World War and veteran of the fighting First division, gave the Gettysburg address of President Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest gems of oratory in the history of the nation.

One of the effective numbers on the program was the reading, "When the Boys in Blue are Gone," which was presented by Mrs. Robert Troop and left with the audience a very serious thought and reflection.

Mrs. Thelma Nelson in her vocal offering, "The Little Bronze Button," gave a beautiful tribute to the men of the Civil War in whose honor the Memorial day has been a distinctive occasion through many years.

The roll call of the honored dead was then given, the roll of deceased soldiers and sailors of the World War, numbering some seventeen, being presented by Henry G. Soennichsen, commander of the local American Legion post. The Spanish war deceased were called by C. A. Rawls, who had a personal acquaintance with the larger part of the men.

When the roll of the Civil war was reached, Thomas Wiles, one of the few active veterans of the great struggle, called the list of the veterans who survive, the list being small indeed compared with the hundreds who formerly answered the call, and on the stage as Mr. Wiles called the roll of the living were but two veterans, John Flight, of this city, and Samuel Latta, of Murray, who is now in his 88th year.

In the list read by Mr. Wiles was the name of D. W. Foster, of Omaha, who has been a member of the G. A. R. post here for many years and is now in his 93rd year. The old veterans were given a rousing greeting by the members of the audience.

special tribute to the Grand Army that had conceived and carried on for many years the idea of Memorial day, and to the veterans on the stage the speaker expressed pleasure that a part of this grand army has survived and that the hope that they might be spared to be with us on similar occasions in the future as long as the All Wise Ruler might permit.

Mr. Trustin pointed out that the veterans of the United States had been forced upon them and that all had been fought without any idea of material gain but rather in defense of some great idealism, from the very struggle for freedom in the revolution to the battle for world peace in the world war.

In touching on the matter of national preparedness, the speaker declared that the service men are as strongly opposed to war as the most radical pacifist, with the added difference of having seen war and knowing what it really is like, while the pacifist only shudders at mention of the word and condemns preparedness measures of any sort as militaristic and undesirable. He stated that the service men who have been thru war and know its horrors only demand for their sons now growing up an equal chance with those against



HARRY TRUSTIN

Omaha Legionnaire, whose straightforward address at Parnelle yesterday proved that veterans who have gone thru war and know what it is like, are greatest enemies of war.

whom they may be forced to fight by this country being drawn into war, instead of being made mere targets for a trained enemy and victims of their own inexperience in the handling of the various implements of modern warfare. He cited a number of war experiences showing the loathing anyone who has seen war and served in one has toward war, but recalled that the history of our own nation, peaceable as it is known to be, shows that on the average of every twenty-five years of our national life—or in the lifetime of each generation—we have been forced to go to war in defense of American principles and with the nations of the world continuing to hold militaristic attitudes, it would be folly to expect other than that the history of the past will be reflected in the future.

He favored a measure of preparedness that would enable the men called to the colors in case of war, to better care for themselves and thus lessen the toll of life that was taken on the manpower of the nation. The training that the summer military camps give was cited as the kind of training that better fits boys and men to care for themselves in case of war. In proof of the need of such measures of training, the speaker pointed to the fact that in many cases during the world war men in the front line trenches had had only three weeks training and knew little or nothing about machine guns, the deadly hand grenades or even gas masks, and their inexperience led to an unnecessary loss of life.

In closing, the speaker touched for a few moments on the rehabilitation work of the Legion and what it has been doing to assist the sick and disabled veteran in his hour of need.

At the close of the speech, the Masonic quartet composed of Frank Cloldt, Raymond Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr, gave two of the Civil war songs, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Tenting Tonight."

The benediction was by Rev. H. E. Sorter and closed the meetings, while a number lingered to meet the old veterans and the speaker, Mr. Trustin, whose address was one that everyone appreciated to the utmost.

ENTERTAINED AT ST. JOSEPH

From Wednesday's Daily—
Miss Jessie M. Robertson, county register of deeds, who has been at St. Joseph, Missouri, for the past few days, was entertained there most charmingly by Mrs. W. E. Stewart at a fine 6:30 dinner party Monday evening and at which there was a large group of the St. Joseph friends and including former Plattsmouth residents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valley.

Bess Streeter Aldrich's newest story, "The Cutters" is now on sale at the Bates Book & Gift Shop. Call early and secure your copy of this popular novel.

Plattsmouth Girl Wedded in California

Miss Grace Beeson, Daughter of Judge and Mrs. A. J. Beeson, Bride of Jay D. Snow.

The wedding of one of the former popular young ladies of this city, Miss Grace Beeson, occurred on Wednesday, May 25th, at Santa Monica, California. Miss Beeson being married there to Mr. Jay D. Snow, of San Diego.

The wedding was an afternoon affair and held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Riggs, the latter being formerly Miss Virginia Beeson, sister of the bride.

The Riggs home was made a bower of floral beauty for the happy occasion with the profusion of pink snapdragons and roses and the tall and stately ferns that carried out very charmingly the color scheme of pink and green.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. Cole, pastor of the First Methodist church of Santa Monica, and only the immediate relatives and a few close friends were in attendance at the beautiful home wedding.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Ruthanette Cochran sang very sweetly "Because," as the members of the bridal party entered the living room, where the ceremony was to take place.

Miss Beeson was most charming in a modish gown of pale green Georgette and carried a bouquet of the pink rose buds.

Mrs. George Riggs was matron of honor and wore peach bloom Georgette with the pink roses as the flowers.

Mr. Snow was attended by George Riggs as the best man.

Following the wedding, dainty refreshments in keeping with the happy event were served to the members of the bridal party and at 6:30 Mr. and Mrs. Snow departed for San Diego, where they are to make their home in the future and where they will be at home to their friends after June 15th.

The bride is the second daughter of Judge and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson of this city, where she was born and reared to womanhood, graduating here from the local high school in the class of 1921 and later entering the University of Nebraska and graduating from the nurse training department in Omaha in 1925. For the past year and a half Miss Beeson has made her home at Los Angeles with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Waybright.

The groom is one of the prominent young business men of San Diego, where he is interested in the clothing business and has a number of warm friends.

The bride has just recently returned to Los Angeles from a visit here in the old home and while here was a guest of honor at a number of very charming pre-nuptial events and had the news of her marriage she will receive the well wishes of the many friends here for her utmost happiness and success in the new home in the golden west.

MARRIED IN OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily—
On Sunday at the St. Mary Magdeline church in Omaha occurred the marriage of Miss Eleanor Wagner of Washington, Iowa, to Mr. Adolph Hallas, formerly of this city, the marriage being witnessed by a number of the friends of the young people and the nuptial mass celebrated by Father Sinne, rector of the church.

Both the young people are former Creighton students and both were graduated in the class of 1925 from that institution.

The bride has since her graduation been engaged as a nurse at the St. Joseph hospital and is a young lady of charm of personality and has a large host of friends in Omaha as well as at her home in Iowa.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hallas of this city and was born and reared here, graduating from the local high school in the class of 1921 and later attended Creighton university. Since his graduation from the university he has been engaged with the Omaha Trust Co. and has been very successful in his work there.

The many friends here will join in their well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hallas for their future welfare and happiness.

INITIATED BY K. OF C.

Sunday afternoon several young men of this city were initiated into the Knights of Columbus at Omaha, three of the local men taking the work with fifty-seven of the Omaha class and which was put on by the Omaha officers and staff in a very impressive manner. The local candidates were Frank Sedlacek, Fred Sedlacek and Louis Svoboda.

The initiation was attended by several of the members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus, they being W. A. Swatck, John J. Edly, Mike Vetersnik, George Sedlacek, James and Albert Wurga and Matthew Sedlacek.

Following the initiation the members were treated to a fine banquet at the new Knights of Columbus community building at 20th and Dodge streets and where the initiation ceremonies were also held.

Former Local Man Heads the Nebr. Alumni

William C. Ramsey, Now Omaha Attorney, Former Resident Here Selected by Ex-Students.

Lincoln, Neb., May 28.—(Lead) shies and frigid breeze dampened the air of hundreds of University of Nebraska alumni who gathered on the college of agriculture Saturday for the general and class reunions.

At noon the students and alumni attended the annual alumni luncheon in the new Students' Activities building.

Following the luncheon, the annual business meeting of the Alumni association was held and officers for the ensuing year elected. The new officers follow:

William C. Ramsey, Omaha, president.

Ruth Munger James, Stromsburg, vice president.

L. E. Mumford, Lincoln, member of the executive committee.

New district directors were also chosen. They are:

Jean Cain, Falls City, first district.

Warren Howard, Omaha, second district.

Edward Baumann, West Point, 3rd district.

James W. Whitney, Grand Island, fifth district.

John Cook, Scottsbluff, sixth district.

A resolution of appreciation for the long service given to the university by Chancellor Samuel Avery was adopted by the association.

Chancellor Avery was introduced and responded briefly.

Mr. Ramsey was born and reared in Plattsmouth and received his education here in the local schools and from here attended the state university law school at Lincoln. On graduating from the university he was elected county attorney at Nebraska City and was called upon in the first few months of his term to prosecute three murder trials. Before the completion of his term Mr. Ramsey resigned to go to Omaha and take up the practice of law there in one of the leading firms of the city and where he has since been located. He is a son of the late Judge B. S. Ramsey and the mother, Mrs. Ramsey is still a resident of this city and can feel pleased at the recognition that the former school associates has given her son.

HAS AUTO STOLEN

From Tuesday's Daily—
The family of A. J. Engelkemeier of this city were startled this morning to discover that the family automobile, a fine new Overland sedan, had been stolen from the garage at the residence and had evidently been missing for some time when the fact was discovered. It was not until inquiries from the office of Sheriff Bert Reed as to whether the car was in the garage or not that the family learned it was missing.

Funeral of W. H. Rainey Held Sunday

Services are Held from the First Methodist Church at 3:30—Largely Attended.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The funeral services of the late W. H. Rainey were held on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 from the First Methodist church and quite largely attended by the old friends and neighbors.

Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union, an old friend of the departed held the service and made a very beautiful sermon on the life and work of Mr. Rainey as a citizen, a neighbor and a friend and as the husband and father in the family home.

During the service a quartet composed of G. L. Parley, L. O. Minor, Miss Vyrail Fossler and Miss Estelle Baird gave three of the old and loved hymns.

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery and laid to the last long rest. The pall bearers were selected from among the brothers of Mrs. Rainey, being F. M. and J. B. Parriott of Peru, W. C. Parriott, of Lincoln, Lee R. Parriott of Auburn, John L. Parriott of Dawson and Grover C. Parriott of Plattsmouth.

Obituary.

William H. Rainey was born February 24, 1869 in Mills county, Iowa, coming to Nebraska in 1880 with his parents. He was married March 20, 1898 at Peru to Miss Alma Parriott, who with the six children, Merle Rainey of New York City, Clara Isabel, Mrs. Wilma Becker, Donald and Winifred Rainey, all residing in and near this city, survive the passing of the husband and father. The family resided in the vicinity of Murray Stella, Elmwood and Union, and later moved to Plattsmouth to educate the four older children and where the younger children, Donald and Winifred were born. Of the family of Mr. Rainey there remain the aged mother, Mrs. Isabel Rainey, and the following brothers and sisters: Oliver Rainey, Sidney Iowa; Mrs. Nora Mapes-Meadow, Nebraska; Mrs. Ida McKinney, Henderson, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Ingham of Texas; Loren Rainey, Texas; J. P. Rainey, Wood Rainey, Plattsmouth; Floyd Rainey of Omaha and Miss Anna Rainey of this city. The following out of town members of the family were present at the funeral: Mrs. C. T. Edwards, Elmwood; Edgar Edwards, Elmwood; Boyd Edwards and wife, Seward; Jennie and Leland Parriott of Auburn; John Parriott and family, Dawson; Miss Sadie Glasgow, Peru; J. B. Parriott, son Richard, T. M. Parriott, wife and two sons, Charles and Lester, Mrs. Ed Parriott of Peru; Floyd Rainey and wife of Omaha; Walter Mapes and family, Omaha, and William McKinney and family.

CLOSES SCHOOL YEAR

From Wednesday's Daily—
The close of the school year was most fittingly observed on last Friday afternoon in district No. 8, the Kenosha district, when a picnic party was held in the A. J. McNatt grove, in which Miss Mary Warren, the teacher, with her little pupils and the parents of the scholars held a real afternoon of fun and pleasure in this attractive spot and several of the Plattsmouth people were present to participate in the enjoyment of the day. The older people had brought well filled baskets of the good things to eat and the ice cream was provided by the teacher, Miss Warren.

Those who attended the enjoyable event were: Miss Mary Warren and the school children, Ione Bernard, Ada, Alex and Alda Campbell, Margie and Harold Lancaster, Alice and Donald Campbell, Ruby, Pearl and Clifford Sutton, Dorothy Campbell, Josephine Campbell, Ernie, Joe and James Valley, Elmer, Helen and Lena Schumaker, John Nodelman, Lena and Pearl Grauf, Misses Jean Caldwell, Margaret Shallenberger, Ruth Bird, Emma and Geneva McNatt, Messers Robert and Francis Warren, Glen Hutchison, Johnnie McNatt, Messames Frank Warren, Charles Attorney, Joe Campbell, Fred Campbell, and children, Frank Globitz and children, Rudolph Schumaker, Messers and Mesdames J. E. Lancaster, John Sutton, A. T. Campbell, Oscar Campbell, Gus Grauf, Ray Hendricks, John Nodelman and John Hendricks.

RIVER EATS AWAY FARM

Omaha, Neb., May 27.—The Missouri river, which since the spring raise, has been eating away the 1,300 acre farm of C. L. Schiefel six miles southeast of Bellevue, near here, in an attempt to form a new channel, has engulfed nearly nine hundred acres of the land.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning in the district court an action was filed in the matters of the application of E. C. Twiss, administrator of the estate of Rhoda Brown, deceased, to sell real estate, located in the village of Louisville.

Another action filed was that of the Farmers State bank vs. Ashley O. Ault. The action is one to collect \$2,500. A. L. Tidd appears for the plaintiff and S. H. Arrants, on a note and mortgage. The defendant A. O. Ault, as clerk of the sale of the property of S. H. Arrants is asked to turn over to the plaintiff the sum of \$2,500. A. L. Tidd appears for the plaintiff.

The National Stone Co. has brought an action against Gardner Powers, et al., an action to quiet title to land now owned and in possession of the National Gas and Electric company. J. A. Arrants appears in the action for the plaintiff.

Much Progress on New Community Auditorium

Close of This Week Should See the Exterior Walls Scaffold High—Ready by August 15.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Brick work on the new Legion community building is progressing in fine shape since Emil Walters and his crew of men got started on the job last week, after a delay while they were finishing the brick work on the Nebraska Gas and Electric company's sub-station control house.

The west wall is up to a point where the steel casements for the French windows are being set and as soon as the work gets a little farther along the setting of the round 4-inch supporting columns and the I beams that will carry the main floor joists can proceed.

The brick walls present a good appearance and while only a portion of the interior will be plastered at the present time, the brick surface will be far from unsightly along the sides. The large Fenestra sash, each with twelve panes of glass will permit of the utmost ventilation in the assembly room when they are opened and in addition large damper type ventilators will be provided in the temporary roof that will rise some eighteen inches above the main floor joists. The ceiling of the assembly room, will be ten feet in height and approximately the same in the other rooms, including the kitchen, toilets, cloak room, furnace rooms and coal storage rooms. Brick interior walls across the north and south ends of the 58x88 assembly room will separate it from other parts of the building and help make it easily heated.

The placing of gas leads and the installation of sewer and water service are being looked after as the work progresses, so there will be no delay in getting these in later on. The electrical wiring, which will be handled on separate contract, will also be arranged for in ample time to place the conduits in the interior wood partitions.

Some idea of the immense size of the building can be gained as the construction of the walls proceed and many interested spectators and contributors to the fund visited the lot Sunday and Decoration day to note the fine progress being made.

PASSING 85TH MILESTONE

On Thursday June 2nd, 1842 at London, Madison county, Ohio, there was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Bates, a son, and to whom was given the name of Milford A. Bates. This has been a period of eighty-five years ago and tomorrow this gentleman, no longer young, is celebrating his 85th anniversary.

The anniversary is that of Col. M. A. Bates, veteran editor of the Journal and who is celebrating his birthday very quietly at his home as his health has not been the best and has caused him to abandon many of the activities that he has made a part of his long and useful life.

Col. Bates has been in newspaper work for a period of sixty-three years, having been apprenticed when a very young man in the newspaper office at London and has been practically continuously in this line of work outside of the years spent in the union army in the civil war.

Col. Bates has been a resident of Plattsmouth since 1902 when he came here to edit the Journal which is owned and published by his son, R. A. Bates.

VISITS OLD HOME

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning Sheriff Peter Clarence and Mrs. Clarence were here for a few hours en route from Hartington, Nebraska, to Union. They will visit at the home of Mr. Clarence's mother, who is well along in years and not in the best of health. Mr. Clarence has been sheriff of Cedar county for a great many years and is one of the most popular of the officials there. They will spend some little time visiting in this part of the state with relatives and friends.

Rotarians and Rotary Anns in Picnic Party

Plattsmouth Club Members and Ladies Frolic at Government Rifle Range Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club last evening staged a picnic party at the government rifle range north of this city and in this pleasant event they were joined by the Rotary Anns, who enjoyed the outing and fun of the picnic as thoroughly as the members of the Rotary.

The location of the picnic grounds was an ideal one and here for a period of several hours the jolly party had a great deal of fun and entertainment in the program that was prepared by the committee in charge.

The sport program was filled to overflowing and many real contests were staged among the members and the ladies and one of the hottest of these was the peanut race which Roy Knorr won after a real contest.

One of the big events of the picnic was the baseball game in which the Rotarians and the Anns were equally divided and had a fast three inning game in which errors were featured and in which the batting of Billy Baird and Rev. McClusky is reported as being outstanding with Mrs. E. H. Wescott as second baseman, Mrs. Christ and Mrs. Rea in baserunning were also outstanding. The umpiring of Fred Rea was as bright and shining as an electric light and there were no kicks registered on his decisions.

The goofy golf contest was also hard fought with Mrs. William Baird, Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Dr. J. S. Livingston in a tie but which was finally won by Dr. Livingston in a hole in two.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cloldt were victors in the egg race.

The "hoopla" contest was won by F. I. Rea.

As the evening shadows fell the fine picnic lunch arrived from the Estelle cafe and was served to the members of the party whose appetites were whetted by the sports and activities of the earlier part of the evening.

The committee in charge of the picnic were Fred Rea, Will Robertson and Dr. Paul Heinemann.

The only feature that marred the occasion and which had not been arranged by the committee was the mosquitoes that came to annoy the picnic party and made necessary the starting of several campfires but the event was one that every member of the picnic party will long very pleasantly remember.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

From Wednesday's Daily—
The many friends in this city of Forest Shrader, are pleased to learn of the fact that this former Plattsmouth high school student has joined the ranks of the marrieds and is now a full fledged Benedict man.

The wedding of Miss Evelyn Booth of Pawnee City and Mr. Forest Shrader occurred on Friday, May 27th at Nebraska City and was a very quiet and simple wedding, the young people motoring to that city from Peru and where the marriage ceremony was performed.

The young people are schoolday associates at Peru where they both have been attending the state normal school and the acquaintance there soon ripened into a romance that has culminated in their marriage. The bride has been teaching the past year in the public schools of Dewitt, Nebraska, while the groom has been continuing his work in the normal. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shrader will continue their studies at the summer school.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shrader of this city and was born and reared in this portion of Cass county and after the removal of the family to this city attended the high school here from where he graduated in the class of 1925. He has since been attending Peru.

PURCHASES NEW HOME

From Tuesday's Daily—
A. W. Smith of this city has purchased the residence property at the corner of 10th and Pearl street, formerly owned by Judge Allen J. Beeson and is one of the attractive homes in that portion of the city. Mr. Smith has secured a fine home and located in a very attractive portion of the city.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to thank our neighbors and kind friends for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and as the time of the death of our beloved father, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.—John Madsen, Peter Madsen, Mrs. Robert R. Neil, Emil Madsen, Mrs. Lawrence Lancaster.

Business stationery, programs and all kinds of job printing at the Journal office.