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## Presbyterian Church Meeting Last Night

### Officers Selected and Christian Endeavor Present a Fine Playlet "A Stitch in Time."

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church was held, with a very large number in attendance and a great deal of interest shown in the work of the evening.

Following the dinner the Christian Endeavor society of the church gave a very delightful playlet, "A Stitch in Time," in which the young people that comprised the cast gave a fine rendition of this clever little Chinese drama. The young people taking part in the play were Maxine Clويد, Jean Caldwell, Mary Ellen Valley, Edith Bull, Robert Livingston, Paul Vandervoort, Bernard Galloway, Irma Mayfield, Janet Snyder, Hilda Johnson, Laura Skalak, Towner Livingston, Carlene Thomas, Helen Frank, Evangeline Craig, Lola Dow, Margaret Shallenberger, Betty Bunt.

The reports of the various societies of the church were then given and gave the church a pleasing growth for the year in membership and also in the work that the various societies have carried on while the committee in charge of the church building detailed the fine improvements that have been made and especially in the Fellowship room of the church.

The following officers were named: Elders—James M. Robertson, S. S. Chase, George L. Farley.

Trustees—W. F. Wurga, James K. Pollock.

Supt. Sunday School—C. A. Rawls.

Assistant Supt.—Miss Pearl Stata.

Secretary—Mrs. Frank A. Clويد.

Assist. Sec.—Ira Mumm.

Treasurer—L. O. Minor.

Pianist—Miss Estelle Baird.

Ushers—C. W. Anthes, George Ebersole, Marion Beardsley.

## WILL MAKE SURVEY

The chamber of commerce luncheon today was featured by the report of the Missouri river bridge committee that has had in charge the carrying on of the battle to secure a wagon and auto bridge over the river at this point. The latest reports that the committee has is that a group of traffic engineers will visit this place the coming week to make a survey of the conditions here and the probable amount of travel that may be looked for over the bridge from the nearby communities, which survey will be used as the basis of the reports to the committee that are planning on becoming interested in the building of the bridge at this place.

The members of the chamber of commerce also had the opportunity of a very interesting address by Attorney A. L. Tidd on the possibilities of the development of a real paying asset to the farmer and land owner in this part of Nebraska where the situation is ideal for the growing of the grape. Mr. Tidd is an enthusiast in the growth of the fruit industry and his remarks that showed the way to the development of a real paying asset to the farmer and land owner was followed by the greatest interest by all of the membership.

The chamber of commerce has also received inquiries from points as to the possibilities of locating an over-stuffed furniture factory and fancy wood manufactory in this section and which will be fully investigated by the industries committee.

## DOROTHY LISTER ILL

From Thursday's Daily— The many friends here of Miss Dorothy Lister, will regret to learn that Miss Lister is at the hospital at Los Angeles, suffering from a relapse from a severe case of pneumonia and which has caused a great deal of worry to the members of the families. Miss Lister was taken sick three weeks ago and rallied nicely from the attack and was able to be taken home but suffered a sudden relapse a few days ago and was hurried from the home at Burbank to the hospital at Los Angeles. Her father, Lamber Lister, who has been laid up with an injury for some time has so far recovered that he has been able to return home.

## SMALL FIRE TODAY

From Thursday's Daily— This morning the fire department was called to the residence of William Mendenhall on Wintersteen Hill where a small fire had started in the cellar of the home and was put out without loss to the property. One of the family had gone to the cellar and struck at match that was thrown down and alighting in a pile of paper caused a blaze that for a time seemed dangerous and the good judgment was used of calling the fire department to the scene of action and putting out the flames without serious damage.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Thursday's Daily— This morning M. M. Beal of this city received a message announcing the death yesterday at Sigourney, Iowa, of Mrs. Frances Beal, a sister-in-law. The death of Mrs. Beal came very suddenly and the deceased lady was eighty-two years of age at the time of death and for the past twenty years has been totally blind. She was the widow of Russell Beal, an older brother of M. M. Beal, who preceded the wife in death many years ago. In the past years Mrs. Beal has resided with her daughter, Miss Jennie Beal, who has tenderly cared for her.

## Myron McElwain Dies This Morning at Kansas City

### Former Resident Here Succumbs to Stroke Sustained a Few Days Ago at His Home.

From Saturday's Daily— This morning at 4:30 at the family home in Kansas City, Missouri, occurred the death of Myron McElwain, a former well known resident of this city, but who has for the past thirty-five years resided in the Missouri city. The deceased was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McElwain and was born and reared in this city, where his friends of his boyhood days, well recall his memory and the olden days. He was fifty-six years of age and leaves to mourn his death the widow, two brothers, B. A. McElwain of this city and Roy McElwain of Santa Monica, and one sister, Mrs. John Dutton of Kansas City.

The funeral services will be held Monday at 4:30 p. m., and the interment will be made at Kansas City. The brother, B. A. McElwain will leave here Sunday to attend the last services.

The family will receive the fullest sympathy of the many friends in this locality on their bereavement.

## WHY NOT A CITY FLOWER?

A number of the ladies of the city who are firm believers in the idea of a city beautiful and have made personal effort to see that this is made possible, have offered one suggestion that has been used in other places, and which has proven a real boost in the beautifying of the community. This idea is that of a community flower, selecting by a popular vote or other method, the name of a flower that will be designated the flower of the city and which is then used extensively in the decorative plan of the city.

One of the ladies states that on a recent visit through the state of Iowa she visited the small town of Payton, where the citizens had adopted the petunia as the official flower and used it in their plans for the beautifying of the city. The petunias are planted in profusion over the city and their bright coloring makes the passerby stop and enjoy the effort that the residents of Payton have made toward beautifying their home town.

This citing of the small Iowa town is not an appeal for the petunia, but merely offered as to what others have done and the residents of the city could pick the coy violet, the gorgeous rose or any other flower that the majority might wish, but the general idea of a community flower and its use in the flower gardens around the homes and in the parks is one that is worthy of real thought on the part of the people of the city.

## MYRON McELWAIN DYING

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening B. A. McElwain of this city received a message from Kansas City, Missouri, announcing that his brother, Myron McElwain of that city was in very critical condition at his home in that place and that the residents of the city could pick the coy violet, the gorgeous rose or any other flower that the majority might wish, but the general idea of a community flower and its use in the flower gardens around the homes and in the parks is one that is worthy of real thought on the part of the people of the city.

## HOLD FINE MEETING

From Thursday's Daily— The St. Mary's guild of the Episcopal church held a very fine meeting at the home of Mrs. James T. Begley on Tuesday afternoon and which was quite largely attended by the members and the time most delightfully spent in sewing and which occupied the time of the ladies for the afternoon. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. Harry Platt.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, where you will find the complete line at all times.

## Heaviest Snow of the Year Does Much Damage

### Electric Lines and Telephone Service Practically at Standstill as Result of Storm.

From Friday's Daily— The eastern half of the state of Nebraska was held in the grip of the heaviest snowstorm of the year today that brought with it a great blessing to the farmers of the state but causing much damage to wires of the light and power companies and the telephone companies in this section of the state.

The snow was very heavy with moisture and mantled the ground with a great amount of moisture that had been badly needed in all sections and the result of the storm will be to bless the soil with the water that was needed in the production of the crops for the year.

This morning the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company held their force out in all sections of the city to repair broken lines and the trunk lines used in the long distance calls out of the city were all out of commission, and the city isolated from communication with the outside world while the force of linemen were out battling through the storm to place the broken lines in service again.

The lines of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company in this city were unable to carry the load used in supplying electric power to the city and the homes and business houses that required electric current were without service for the greater part of the morning. The line of the company carrying the current to the eastern cities in service of the company were without service from early in the morning and while at intervals through the morning the service was on in different parts of the city but the task of carrying the large load was borne by the small plant here in this city, which was placed in service by Manager Rea, but which was overtaxed by the amount of current being used.

The industrial plants that required electric service were handicapped, and the Evening Journal plant, whose machinery, and linotypes are motor operated, was out of service part of the time and which has delayed the publication of the paper, as well as tying up the operation of the presses in the job department. The bakeries that required the use of their electric motors were also seriously handicapped by the break in the service.

## DEATH OF WOODROW BOETEL

From Thursday's Daily— The message was received here last evening announcing the death at Sioux City, Iowa, yesterday afternoon of Woodrow Boetel, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Boetel, Jr., of that place. The message came as a great shock to the members of the family in this city and brought with it a deep regret at the calling of this young man. Woodrow was born in this city where the family made their home until a year ago when they removed to the Iowa city and the departed was educated in the local schools and has a great many friends among the school associates that will regret to learn of his passing. He is survived by the parents and several brothers and sisters.

## GIVEN BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

From Friday's Daily— Yesterday was the twelfth birthday anniversary of Edward Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chase of this city, and in honor of the occasion the young man was given a very delightful surprise at the Central school yesterday where the young lad is a student in the room taught by Mrs. Blanche Gomer. The surprise was arranged by Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Brantner, grandmother of Edward and carried out very delightfully at the close of the school work of the afternoon. The young people were treated to the dainty ice cream and cake and the birthday cake with its candles added to the pleasantness of the occasion.

## MYRON McELWAIN STILL POORLY

From Friday's Daily— A letter was received last evening by B. A. McElwain, announcing that his brother, Myron McElwain, was still in very critical condition at his home in Kansas City and the matter of his recovery is thought improbable. Mr. McElwain was stricken on Wednesday night with a stroke that has since rendered him unconscious and he has been in an unconscious condition since that time and failed to rally from the attack as it was hoped for.

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## ERMAN GALLOWAY BETTER

From Friday's Daily— The reports from the Wise Memorial hospital in Omaha state that Erman Galloway, of Louisville, who is there being treated for a severe skull fracture sustained while at his work at the Ash Grove cement plant at Louisville, is showing some slight improvement and has recovered consciousness and recognizes those who have visited him. Mr. Galloway is still unable to talk, but it is hoped that with a few days and his splendid response to the treatment that this condition will clear up. Mr. Galloway has a splendid constitution and vitality and is one of the few cases of his kind that has shown such rallying power and gives hope to the attending physicians that he will be able to recover.

## Elks Install New Officers for the Year

### Sidney W. Bell New Exalted Ruler of Local Lodge—Fine Array of Officers are Named.

From Friday's Daily— Plattsmouth lodge No. 739, B. P. of Elks held their regular installation of officers for the year at the lodge rooms of the order on Tuesday evening with a large number of the members in attendance.

The installing officer was Dr. J. S. Livingston, past exalted ruler and one of the most prominent members of the order in the state and who has been one of the veteran members of the order. The officers that were named for the year and installed were: Exalted Ruler—Sidney W. Bell. Leading Knight—Lon Henry. Secretary—Chas. W. Hula. Treasurer—Mike Tritsch. Chaplain—Dr. J. S. Livingston. Tyler—Dr. John A. Griffin. Trustee—R. W. Clement. Esquire—B. A. Rosencrans.

The position of Lecturing Knight, which was understood to be the removal from the city of Thomas H. Green, will be filled later by the lodge in the election of a successor to Mr. Green.

The order is sponsoring the drive for a country club here and which will be followed up by the new officers with vigor and to aid in which it will be necessary to hold a meeting this evening at the lodge rooms of all persons interested in the project whether members of the order or not.

## PLATTSMOUTH GIRL HONORED

At the first district convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs held this week at Auburn, the judges in the contest arranged under the auspices of the Better Homes department of the federation in connection with the nation-wide program of the Better Homes committee, made the award in the essays submitted, giving this prize to Miss Frances Christ of this city as the winner in the First district, comprising the counties of Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Richardson, Pawnee and Johnson.

The essay of Miss Christ was voted the best in the presentation of the ideas of the movement that has as its object the creation of better homes for a higher class of citizenship.

The winner of the district contest was awarded the prize here a few weeks ago in competition with a large number of entries and the successful young lady, Miss Christ, will now have her essay entered in the state convention at Omaha in the fall.

## SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

From Saturday's Daily— Ralph Mason was given a very pleasant surprise at his home on high school hill on Wednesday evening the occasion being the passing of his nineteenth birthday anniversary and in which a group of the relatives and friends gathered to enjoy the evening with the young guest of honor. The evening was spent in a number of games and card games that served to make the passing hours most delightful for all of the members of the party. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the delights of all of those who were in attendance. Those who were attending the occasion were: Mary Swatek, Marie Sperry, Marie Meisinger, Marjorie Fitch, Jean Fitch, Dorothy Sattler, Florence Nelson, Ralph and Germaine Mason, Mrs. John P. Sattler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sprecher, Robert Fitch, Bernard Meisinger, Robert Hadraba, George Swatek, George Sayles and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason.

## New Legion Post is Launched at Louisville

### Large Party of Distinguished Visitors Present—Henry A. Newman Name of Post.

From Friday's Daily— Last evening Henry A. Newman post of the American Legion was very successfully launched at Louisville, with a large number of the service men present to join in the first meeting and to place the post in existence as well as selecting the temporary officers who will guide the post through the opening weeks of its career, until it is thoroughly organized and the charter officially granted, when it is expected the membership will include all the service men in that community.

The meeting brought an unusually large array of the distinguished members of the American Legion from Lincoln and Omaha, among the outside dignitaries being John E. Curtiss, past national vice commander and present state railway commissioner; Jean B. Cain, of Falls City, state commander; C. W. Conklin, department adjutant; Harry R. Ball, district committeeman, and John Dolly, division commander, of Lincoln; William Bruett, commander and H. H. Dudley, adjutant of the Omaha post; Nelson Johnson, of Valley, the chairman of the Nebraska department second A. E. F. and 2nd district executive committeeman together with the officers and a goodly delegation of the members of the Plattsmouth post.

The meeting was held at the city hall at Louisville and was opened by Leslie W. Niel, commander of the Plattsmouth post, which organization has been instrumental in getting the Louisville post organized, and D. W. Webb, one of the new Louisville members was called upon to assist in the opening of the meeting and welcomed the visitors.

Mr. Niel introduced the various speakers who gave their greetings to the new post and also expressed their appreciation of the interest that the Plattsmouth post had shown in getting the Louisville post started and while it had taken a number of their members, they had unselfishly gone ahead and helped put over the new post and shown their further interest by coming with a large delegation to attend the meeting.

Short remarks were made by Mr. Conklin, Mr. Dolly, Mr. Ball, Mr. Bruett, Mr. Dudley and Mr. Johnson. State Commander Jean Cain gave a short talk on the Legion and stressed particularly the state aid fund, in which he was interested for eight years as a member of the relief commission and which was also filled with a number of the stories that Mr. Cain is noted for giving.

The main address of the evening was by genial and jolly John E. Curtiss, one of the wheel horses in the American Legion in Nebraska, and who had taken the time from his strenuous campaign for the nomination for state railway commissioner, for the short term, to come to Louisville and join in the big jollification. In his usual eloquent manner, Mr. Curtiss gave a ringing Legion address and one filled with inspiring thoughts to the men of the world war, urging community service, the giving of aid in comfort to the more unfortunate service men by the kindly hand of comradeship.

To the newly formed post Mr. Curtiss gave some words of wisdom as to their success or failure depending on the amount of work and service that they gave to the post and to the needs of the community and their comrades. After the address of Mr. Curtiss, the meeting was turned over to the Louisville members, who with D. W. Webb as temporary chairman, proceeded to name the temporary officers, the following being selected: Commander—Ralph R. Larson. Adjutant—Harry McCafferty. Finance Officer—D. W. Webb.

## SUES FOR DIVORCE

From Friday's Daily— An action has been filed in the district court in which Leona York is the plaintiff and Cedric York is the defendant. This is an action in which the plaintiff seeks a decree of divorce on the grounds of desertion. The petition of the plaintiff states that the parties were married at Nebraska City on December 10, 1922. The plaintiff also asks the custody of the minor child of the marriage.

## UNDERGOES SMALL OPERATION

From Saturday's Daily— Miss Catherine Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider of this city was operated on yesterday at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, a small operation being performed which while not of a serious nature, was such as to necessitate the patient remaining at the hospital for a few days. Miss Schneider was reported this morning as coming through the operation nicely and it is hoped will be ready to resume her studies at the state university at the close of the spring vacation.

## Traffic Survey to be Made by the Bond Companies

### Those Interested in Financing the Missouri River Bridge to Check Up Travel

The Plattsmouth Bridge company which has in charge the proposition of the erection of a wagon and auto bridge over the Missouri river at this point will have the services of a traffic engineer in the next week to check up the travel and the possibilities through this section which will be used in the making of the report on which the bonding companies that are in touch with the local company, to make their decision as to the financial backing of the project.

The local company has worked hard on the proposition and their securing of the services of the traffic engineer will aid greatly in getting the concrete facts as to the flow of travel that may be expected over the bridge at this point and give them some definite facts to present to the companies that have been approached on the project of the financing of the bridge erection. The interest and the hard work that the officers have given to the Missouri river bridge project has been responsible for the success of the move so far and their additional efforts in securing the survey will aid greatly in the project.

The traffic engineers and the local company should have all possible assistance in the carrying out of the survey, reaching the estimate of the that can be depended to help furnish the flow of traffic over the bridge when erected. The survey will include all of this section through Nebraska and Iowa and the adjoining highways that would feed the bridge.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Friday's Daily— Today is the birthday anniversary of one of the old time residents of this city and long a loved and respected citizen of Plattsmouth and Cass county. This estimable gentleman that is passing his eighty-second milestone this year is F. G. Fricke, one of the best known druggists of the state.

Mr. Fricke was born on April 6, 1846, in Brunswick, Germany, and on reaching his maturity he came to America to make his future home and for forty-five years has been a resident of Nebraska, spending one year of his residency at Ashland for ten years of four-year years has been engaged in the conduct of the store of F. G. Fricke & Co., in Plattsmouth. In this long period of time that Mr. Fricke has been here, almost a half century, he has been located in the same building on South 8th street, that the store occupies today.

Mr. Fricke has been a familiar figure in the life of the community and has been on the job year in and year out, supplying the needs of his large trade with the articles that they might desire from his store and being one of the thrifty and energetic residents of the community. He has been honored and esteemed by his fellow citizens for the many splendid traits of character and while quietly carrying on his part of the business life of the community has been a force for the advancement and betterment of the town that he has so long called home.

## ATTEND LEGION MEETING

From Friday's Daily— On the high J. Kearns post of the American Legion, were at Louisville last night to attend the installation of a new post of the world war veterans at that place, which was instituted at the city hall and will serve the veterans of that locality in the future with a direct contact post. Instead of the necessity of the Louisville veterans being members of other posts. Among those from here who made the trip were: Commander Leslie W. Niel, Adjutant E. A. Webb, M. D. Brown, G. R. Holcomb, Robert Reed, Don Selvers, Judge A. H. Duxbury, Frank Smith, Dr. Charles Grayville, Thomas Walling, Albert Olson, W. R. Holly, C. E. Ledgeway, Harvey Johnson. The Plattsmouth party was also accompanied by Jean B. Cain, state commander of the American Legion, who motored here and joined the local post on their trip to the cement city.

## Great Start on the Country Club Move

### Many Citizens Sign Up a Part in This Much Needed Institution—Explain Proposition.

From Saturday's Daily— The successful operation for the past five years of the Plattsmouth Golf club has caused many people in and around Plattsmouth to wish to bring about the purchase of permanent grounds to enlarge the activities of the golf club to include tennis, and horse-shoe courts, an equipped playground for children, and a well-managed club house. Since about two-thirds of the golfers were members of the Elk's Order a plan was urged to add to the Elks lodge the addition activities of a complete Country club.

An option has been secured covering the thirty acre tract where the present golf course is located and including the Luke Wiles house and garage and the matter of financing the enterprise is under way. A tax free first mortgage for \$11,000 paying 5% semi-annual interest is being offered to local investors. This mortgage is a first lien not only on the Country club thirty acres but also on the Elks lodge building on Sixth street. This property gives ample security for the loan. About \$2,000 will be used in improving the club property, the balance being used as purchase money to Plattsmouth.

With Nebraska City, Auburn, and such towns owning and successfully operating country clubs, there is good reason why Plattsmouth should keep in line with these progressive places. The Chamber of Commerce is advertising in the Omaha papers to attract residents to Plattsmouth. A board of governors composed of safe business men has been selected to manage the club property. There is no reason why this move should not meet with a hearty response.

The effort to complete the financing of this progressive civic development will be made the coming week. Remember this is an opportunity not only for a safe investment but also to help make Plattsmouth a better and more attractive home town. Be ready to do your part. The following are the names of the subscribers to the \$100 to \$500 each: Roy W. Knorr, R. G. Berger, Henry Horn, S. W. Bell, J. C. Peterson, Jr., Wm. P. Kraeger, H. A. Schneider, Geo. K. Petring, K. C. Brown, Jerry Houzwick, C. E. Hartford, A. O. Moore, John J. Clويد, Lbr. Clويد, Coal Co. T. H. Pollock, Wm. Barclay, Philip T. Becker, S. S. Chase, Henry Ofe, Henry Jasper, John P. Sattler, Raymond J. Larson, E. C. Harris, Fred Lugsch, W. H. Puls, Jas. T. Begley, Rex Young, B. Golding, Sam Giventer, C. K. Bestor, L. W. Egenberger, J. S. Livingston, E. J. Richey, R. A. Bates, C. C. Westcott, W. G. Kieck, L. L. Turpin, S. S. Davis, August Clويد, Ed Fricke, J. W. Holms, Emil Wurl.

## STORM DELAYS FUNERAL

From Saturday's Daily— The funeral party of Mrs. Martha Murray, which left this city yesterday afternoon at 12:30 was checked by the bad condition of the roads and the blockade of the "O" street road and while they were able to go within nine miles of their destination, Elmwood, they were compelled to turn back to this city. There was a short service held here at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. Bert Road, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Murray. Rev. H. E. Sottor holding the services and the cortege had then started for Elmwood only to have to return.

The "O" street road was heavily banked with snow and slush and cars were stuck along the road, a number being blocked across the road and which made it impossible for the funeral party to go on through the drifts and bad roads to their destination.

It is expected if the weather will permit, to drive to Elmwood Sunday, where the interment will be made in the cemetery at that place.

## ANOTHER SMALL CROWD

From Thursday's Daily— The last mid-week feature dance of the Legion was held last night at the Legion community building and although the crowd was larger than at the one two weeks ago, it was not sufficient to pay the expense, and left a deficit. The Saturday night dance attendance has held up right through Lent, but with this year's experience to guide them, they might desire from his store and being one of the thrifty and energetic residents of the community. He has been honored and esteemed by his fellow citizens for the many splendid traits of character and while quietly carrying on his part of the business life of the community has been a force for the advancement and betterment of the town that he has so long called home.

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