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Birthday of Founder of the United States

Anniversary of George Washington Occasion of the National Honor to First President.

The month of February brings the birthday anniversaries of two of the great figures in our national life and two whose lives mark radically different lines of their early careers—the one a humble son of the pioneers, born amid the most pitiless poverty and lack of opportunity, the other a descendant of an old and aristocratic family and whose birthplace was a plantation home in the colony of Virginia where had settled the aristocrats of the colonial days.

The first of these, Abraham Lincoln, was the savior of his country, the second George Washington, the leader of the war for independence and who assisted in the formation of the new republic that Lincoln later saved from dissolution.

The birthday anniversary of George Washington is to be observed on February 22nd, the 196th anniversary of the birth of this great man, who saw the light of day near Bridges Creek, Westmoreland county, Virginia, where his parents, Augustine Washington and Mary Ball Washington and had been settled in the early days of the eighteenth century. The father of the first president followed the occupation of planter, his farm among the fertile land of the Old Dominion being one of the best in that locality and there the youthful George grew to manhood and where his character was formed from the ideals of his native land. Washington like Lincoln, did not have the advantage of a college education, but in his broad experience as surveyor, soldier and statesman, won a great place in the history of the world for himself and his nation.

It was perhaps as the soldier that the world knows Washington the best, the young surveyor-soldier serving with the British in the wars on the frontier and then returning to his plantation home and the wife to remain until the colonial cause of revolution called him to the Virginia assembly and then to the continental congress, from which post he was called to command the United armies of the colonies.

The unshaken faith of Washington bore up the colonial soldiers of the revolution when defeated, discouraged, caught in the snows of the winter at the camp at Valley Forge, they saw but little hope of the rainbow of victory that was to be theirs in the future and it was here that Washington inspired his men to bear their suffering rather than the oppression that the colonies had suffered from England.

The full credit of the success of the revolution is not that of any one man, but in it Washington bore his share of the success, sharing with the great Franklin who won the French king to the colonial cause, Jefferson and Thomas Paine, leaders in the cause in the congresses of the colonies and inspiring the people to resist the tyrant and Robert Morris whose task of financing the revolution was a stupendous task.

When war clouds rolled away Washington was called to take the helm of the drifting bark of national life and with Madison, Jay, Jefferson, Adams and Hamilton, drew the articles that were to bind the thirteen separate and distinct colonies into a united group and of which General Washington was chosen as the first head.

With the memory of the sacrifices of the war for independence in mind, Washington as well as the other leaders of the time, wrote into our law the protecting barriers of wise and prudent enactments that have formed the bulwark of our liberty and upon which the nation has grown great and the preservation of the liberties depends on the vigilance of the people of the nation.

In honor of this great leader, of the memory of the leaders in the war for independence the display of the flag in this city by citizens is urged and a general recognition made of the great part in history that George Washington has occupied.

HERE FROM FORT CROOK

From Friday's Daily—
This morning Lee Watson, Jr., of near Fort Crook was in the city for a few hours and while here was a caller at the Journal for a pleasant visit. Mr. Watson is a member of one of the oldest families in this section of Nebraska and has a warm spot in his heart for this city, where his family first settled in the state of Nebraska. The great-grandfather of Mr. Watson, Henry Allen Watson was the first justice of the peace in Plattsmouth and also one of the first storekeepers here in the early fifties. The Watson farm is just north and east of Fort Crook and is one of the attractive farms in that section, they last year averaging some eighty-six bushels per acre. Lee Watson is the man who several months ago rescued a pilot from a burning plane near his home where the plane made a forced landing.

HONOR WASHINGTON

From Friday's Daily—
The anniversary of Washington's birthday was observed here by the Burlington shops, the U. S. postoffice and the banks by these institutions being closed for the day and the employees given the opportunity of paying honor to the father of his country or in whatever way their fancy might dictate. At the court house the offices were generally closed, with the exception of the courts as Judge Duxbury was entering on the third day of the trial of the Cory will contest, while Judge Begley in the district court was ready to look after what litigation might come his way. Outside of the courts the other branches of the county government were in a state of inactivity and seeing that the birthday was fittingly honored.

Many Improvements Made by Telephone Co.

Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. Rebuilding Lines and Will Rebuild Louisville Plant.

The Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., is planning and carrying out a number of rebuilding projects in this section of the state, a part of the great program of improvement covering the expenditure of \$600,000.

Among these is the rebuilding of the line from Plattsmouth to Murray which is now in progress with a large gang of workmen who are placing the line in the best of shape and will add greatly to the efficiency of the system in this section.

Another of the projects that will be handled this season will be that of the rebuilding of the Louisville exchange and line which will be a very large undertaking. The Louisville system will be changed over to the common battery type such as is used in the Plattsmouth exchange and will make a strictly up to date plant and one that will give the Louisville people a real service in the telephone line.

There will be a number of changes made in the local plant in the summer, which will add to the efficiency of the service and rebuilding parts of the system that may require attention for the betterment of the service.

The telephone company has given the best of service in this locality, even in the periods of the greatest stress, when storms have caused the breaking of lines and have made the policy one of maintaining the service at all costs.

HONOR LOVED LADY

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday was the birthday anniversary of Miss Olive Gass, long time resident of this city and one whose life has largely been devoted to the service of the public. In honor of the occasion a number of the music pupils of Miss Gass sent floral remembrances to let the teacher know that the anniversary was not forgotten.

Miss Gass is one of the gifted musicians of the city and in the late years has devoted herself to piano work, having large classes and some of the finest musicians of the community have studied under her tuition.

This talented lady was also for many years a teacher in the city schools and her efforts and ability has served to earn for many a Plattsmouth woman the education that they have and her understanding of the students she has assisted many in their work to a successful culmination in their high school careers. The friends who are legion in this city will join in the wish that Miss Gass may have many more pleasant anniversaries and learn the appreciation that the community feels for her splendid and unselfish services in the teaching profession in the past and her brilliant musical contributions to the city.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT

On Tuesday Herman Nickel happened with a very peculiar accident. He was helping load a bull into a truck. In the act of loading one of the animals horns pushed through the slats on the side of the truck and held his head. Herman thought that he would release him and caught hold of the horn. The bull gave an angry twist of the head and one of his fingers was caught by the horn and pressed against the side of the slats with such force that the end of the finger was smashed. The finger is getting along very well under the doctor's care.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Art Taylor, now of Sutton, Nebraska, will be pleased to learn that a fine seven and a half pound boy has arrived to enjoy the happiness of the family circle. The little one and the mother are both doing very nicely.

Presbyterian Auxiliary Holds Birthday Party

Observance of the Thirty-First Anniversary Pays Honor to Old Time Members.

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon at the Fellowship room of the First Presbyterian church was held a very fine observance of the thirty-first anniversary of the organization and honoring in particular the members of the society through the years and who have contributed much to the success and advancement of the church work.

The event was arranged through Circle No. 2 of which Mrs. Mike Tritsch is the chairman and to the members of this group and Mrs. Tritsch in particular the membership gave their full appreciation of the fine time arranged for them.

The Fellowship room was very beautiful with the tables arranged in keeping with the months of the year, there being six of the tables with the decorations appropriate to the seasons of the year. Mrs. Glen Valley presided over January and February, Mrs. Earl Becker over March and April, Mrs. John B. Kaffenberger over May and June, Miss Florence Terryberry over July and August, Mrs. Henry F. Nolting over September and October and Mrs. George Saylor over November and December.

A guest table was arranged and where a beautiful birthday cake was featured with its glowing candles, the pink candles for the living and white for the departed charter members of this society.

A very beautiful prepared roll of the charter members written by Mike Tritsch was presented which is to hang in the Fellowship room as the tribute to the ladies that started the organization that has since been such a factor in the development of the church and the advancement of its interests in this community.

The membership of the society regretted that but one of the charter members was able to be in attendance, Mrs. T. H. Pollock of this city, the other members being prevented by distance and illness from attending. Mrs. Pollock was given a rousing reception by the other members of the society as she was seated at the guest table.

The charter members of the auxiliary now living are Mrs. Belle Gass, Long Beach, California, Mrs. Lena Duke, Minneapolis, Mrs. Julia Eades, Omaha, Mrs. Frank Coates, Central City, Mrs. Kate Morgan, Riverside, California, Mrs. T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth, Mrs. T. M. Patterson, Omaha, Miss Olive Jones, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Omaha, Mrs. Evelyn Root, Omaha, Mrs. W. H. Dearling, Alliance. The deceased charter members are Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. C. C. Parmelee, Miss Carrie Oliver, Mrs. Egar D. Cummins.

The ladies of the circle No. 2 served a very delightful luncheon, the menu being: Shrimp salad, salted wafers, cookies, nuts, coffee.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in the fine program in connection with the anniversary of the society with Mrs. John F. Gorder presiding in her usual gracious manner over the toast list, also reading the list of the charter members of the society.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Mary Allison, Union, Mrs. J. B. Martin, Omaha, Mrs. H. J. Straight and Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Omaha, Mrs. Fannie Dickson, Lincoln, Miss Olive Jones, Plattsmouth, who have been in the past most active in the work of the society.

At the guest table were seated, Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mrs. Mary Woodry, aged 90, the oldest member of the auxiliary, Mrs. John W. Gamble, of Omaha, Mrs. Frank B. Shopp of Lincoln and Mrs. T. H. Pollock, the sole representative of the charter members.

The program was one of the most enjoyable nature, Mrs. John W. Gamble giving two old and loved songs, "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Last Rose of Summer," in her very artistic rendition.

Mrs. J. A. Capwell gave two readings, "If," by Kipling and "My White Rose," adding much to the interest of the program.

Mrs. H. G. McClusky, poetess of the Auxiliary had prepared a beautiful poem, "Fellowship" which was given by Mrs. John F. Gorder and which brought a fitting message to the members of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Robert Troop gave two readings, "Toast to Circle No. 2" and its Captain, Mrs. Mike Tritsch," and the poem, "Nebraska," both very charmingly presented.

GOES TO VETS HOSPITAL

The many friends of William H. Shopp, Plattsmouth young man, who has been living at Lincoln, will regret to learn that Mr. Shopp has gone to the U. S. Veterans hospital at Denver where he will undergo a course of treatment for lung trouble with which he has suddenly been affected. Mr. Shopp has since the close of the world war been employed in the store department of the Burlington at various points on their system, in this city, Hannibal, Mo., Beardstown, Ill., and at Lincoln and in the last few weeks has been taken ill with the result that it was thought best to have him go to the higher climate for care and treatment. Mr. Shopp is a former commander of the American Legion post of this city and the many old friends among the veterans here will regret greatly to learn of the poor health of this estimable young man.

Cory Case Now Grinding on Third Day

Contestants Attack the Mental State of Maker of Will in 1925 Disposing of Property

From Friday's Daily—
The third day of the trial of the contest over the probate of the document offered as the last will and testament of John Cory, deceased, opened today in the county court and the taking of testimony may run into Saturday afternoon as there are a number of witnesses yet to be examined for the contestants and the proponents will probably have a number in rebuttal in the case.

The contestants representing three daughters of the deceased, Mrs. Garnet Oehlager, Mrs. Florence Coleman and Mrs. Frances Schultz, are attacking the admission of the document as the last will and testament, alleging that the deceased was not capable of reason of mental disposition at the time of the making of the will, to make the will, and which disposes of the property of the deceased excluding the contestants from the will except with small amounts.

The proponents have so far largely covered the ground of the making of the will, the witnessing of the same and the identification of the document as that signed by the deceased Mr. Cory in the presence of the witnesses.

The contestants have had a large number of witnesses on the stand, these testifying to the actions of Mr. Cory over a period of years, his conversation and conduct, by this evidence attempting to prove that the deceased was mentally incapable of making a will of his own. Thursday afternoon and this morning was occupied in the testimony of the relatives on the contestants side of the case being heard.

As soon as the contestants are heard in the case the proponents are to offer a number of rebuttal witnesses in the question of the mental capacity of Mr. Cory prior and at the time of the making of the will in the summer of 1925.

The proponents in the case are represented by Attorney D. O. Dwyer while the contestants have as their representatives Attorney C. E. Martin and Attorney A. L. Tidd.

IMPROVING BUILDING

L. G. Egenberger, well known merchant of east Main street, is busy these days having the building just east of his store cleaned up and placed in readiness for remodeling. Mr. Egenberger recently purchased the building and is now fixing it up very nicely. It is planned to have the front placed in the structure a number of years ago by Peters & Richards when using the building for a contracting shop removed, and a store front placed in the building that will be a real improvement to the structure and as well a pleasing addition to the business buildings on the east portion of Main street.

The completion of the new Burlington bridge will locate this section of the city on the main highway from the bridge and make all of the property there much more valuable and the new building of Mr. Egenberger will occupy a good place along this highway.

GLENDALE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Glendale Women's club held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Carl Snodgrass. There were ten of the members present and the club had one guest for the pleasant event. A short business session was held and then the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Philip Hennings, delegate, who explained the plans that she had heard as to the work outlined for the year and which included a plan of instruction in free needlework and the care of the mother. Refreshments were served at an appropriate hour by Louis Henning and Mable Ingrid.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Mable Hennings on February 26th.

FATHER AGIUS TAKEN SICK

From Friday's Daily—
Early this morning Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church was taken ill and a slight stroke suffered by the patient and his conditions was very uncertain today as to the full extent of the attack. The general priest had been feeling in his accustomed health yesterday and on retiring last night was feeling as well as usual and it was not until an early hour this morning that his attack came on. Father Agius was able to summon members of the household and medical aid called, Dr. E. J. Gillespie reaching the side of the patient shortly after his attack.

Phone your news to No. 6.

Central P-T-A Has Fine Meeting Last Night

Program Is Most Pleasing and Covered Many Subjects of Greatest Interest to All.

From Friday's Daily—
The Parent-Teacher Association of Central and First Ward buildings held a most interesting and instructive meeting last evening at the Central building, Mrs. W. A. Robertson, president, presiding.

After the usual business meeting, the program followed. Group singing was led by Mrs. Gladys Groff. The talks following were replete with helpful suggestions for both parents and teachers, one bound to awaken interest in the deeper study of everyday problems.

Music in the home was shown by Mrs. Knorr to be a most delightful pastime and study. Jean and Billy Knorr gave several much appreciated illustrations of such study.

In recognition of Founders' Day and the generous thought of such advanced minds as those of Mrs. Theodore W. Birney and Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, our member, Mrs. James Rishel, spoke.

"Games in the Home" were discussed by Mrs. Dalton, who revealed how mental and physical development could accompany play.

An enjoyable saxophone solo by Donald Cotner was followed by a splendid discussion of "Articles Boys Might Make at Home" by Mr. John Crabb. We regret that all parents of young boys could not have listened to the leadership of one whose ability and interest is well recognized.

Mr. Sam Moye gave a most kindly talk on "How Hobbies May Help," showing an intimate understanding of child psychology.

A whistling solo in the form of three old-time songs of purest melody was presented by Miss Alice Louise Wescott.

Mrs. Harold Sotter next developed the topic, "Leisure a Menace or an Opportunity," well showing how the changes of the home, happy or unhappy, is reflected in the thoughts and actions of the children.

A timely talk by Mrs. P. T. Heinemann followed. The subject, "Interesting Children in Nature," showed how we all may be blind to the changes of foliage and bark, insects and birds, or how, by quick perception and a little study, another world may be opened about us.

This program of such unusually high merit, was developed through the efforts of Mrs. Otto Keck. All resolutions and reports were read but to all on the program, for their time and talents so graciously given.

The evening was closed with a short resume of the "Bulletin," by Mrs. A. O. Moore, who brought to us what excellent material for use and for thought there is in these articles.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening the Parent-Teachers association of the Wintersteen Hill school held a very fine Washington day program at the school building and with a very large number of the patrons of the school in attendance at the gathering.

A very interesting business session was held in the opening part of the evening and which was followed by the program of the evening which was well arranged and splendidly carried out by those who participated.

The program consisted of dialogues, readings, piano solos and accordion solos, given by the members of the school and the P-T-A.

Special features of the evening were the delightful vocal solos offered by Frank A. Clodt and the address on George Washington given by Superintendent R. E. Bailey of the city schools and in which Mr. Bailey covered the life of Washington in a most interesting manner.

In honor of the occasion a large birthday cake was featured and the candles denoted the progress of the national and local Parent-Teachers association.

At the close of the evening the committee in charge served a very dainty and delicious luncheon that all enjoyed to the utmost and it was with regret that the members saw the homing hour arrive.

USES NATURAL BRIDGE

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening a party of Plattsmouth young people decided that they desired to enjoy the big dance being staged at Glenwood under the auspices of the firemen of that place and accordingly boarded one of Mr. Raskob's favorite Chevrolets and started eastward. The party of young people found a natural bridge awaiting them in the hard frozen surface of the Missouri and soon were in our neighboring town, which as the crow flies is but eight miles away in auto travel is forty miles and will be until Henry Schneider gets the new bridge in operation. Those making the trip to Glenwood were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wells, Paul Vandervoort and George Thacker, but they all feel that the dance was well worth the crossing on the ice.

Mrs. Mahala Snyder of Nehawka Dies at Nebraska City

Well Known Resident of the Vinity of Nehawka Dies From an Infection of Foot.

From Saturday's Daily—
On Tuesday morning Mrs. Mahala Snyder who had been at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City for the past six weeks, where she underwent an operation for the removal of her foot, which had become infected from a gathering on one of her feet, and which while it was thought for some time that she would recover, gradually grew worse until the end came on last Thursday.

Miss Mahala Shepard, was born at Bradford, Pa., March 16th, 1851, and came to Nebraska when but a young girl and located some three miles northeast of where the town of Elmwood now stands. With the parents she settled here six years ago. Miss Shepard was united in marriage to Wm. Burton. To this union there were four children born, they being C. W. Burton of Nehawka, and L. H. Burton of Tacoma, Washington, Mrs. James Miller of Nehawka, and where she lived in and west to the west of sixteen and was buried in the Washburn cemetery.

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Mrs. Snyder was not a member of the church, but had a deep and abounding faith in the eternal God, whom she believed in and went to in prayer whenever trouble came, and counseled with her children to believe in and follow.

Some two months ago Mrs. Snyder had an infection on one of her feet, and it becoming a very bad sore and giving her much pain she lanced it herself, and which grew worse and she was taken to the hospital at Nebraska City, where treatment was administered, but the infection became so severe it was found necessary to perform an amputation of the foot, hoping this might save her life, following which it was thought that her condition was better, but she grew weaker and finally, a week or more since lapsed into unconsciousness, and passed away on last Thursday morning.

The remains were taken to Nehawka, where Sunday afternoon the funeral services will be held at the United Brethren church and will be conducted by the Rev. W. A. Taylor of the First Baptist church of Union.

The interment will be had at the beautiful Mt. Pleasant cemetery, where reposes the remains of C. W. Snyder, where they await the sound of the trumpet of the Angel of the Resurrection.

She leaves to mourn her departure C. W. Burton and Mrs. James Miller of Nehawka, L. H. Burton of Tacoma, Washington, and Mr. Guy Snyder.

NOW OPERATING GARAGE

M. G. Scott, who has been with the Plattsmouth Motor Co., for the past several years has taken over the management of the O. K. garage on Washington avenue for Mr. Petring and is now looking after the work at that popular auto headquarters. Mr. Scott is an experienced man at the automobile game and should make Mr. Petring a real manager of the big garage. "Scotty" is a gentleman of very pleasant personality and a real man in this line of business.

DEATH OF MRS. JESSUP

From Friday's Daily—
This morning at the home on North Eighth street occurred the death of Mrs. John Jessup, aged sixty-two, an old time resident of this community. Mrs. Jessup has been ill for some time and her condition has gradually grown worse until the last few days when her recovery was given up. The deceased is survived by the aged husband.

Graveling Systems Will Mark County in Few Years

Plans for Three East and West State and County Highways and Five or Six North and South.

The work now outlined and that planned for the future for graveling in Cass county should place our county in good shape in the next few years as regards graveled highways and give every main road practically a surfaced roadway and interconnecting with each other so that the residents of the county can reach any part of the county with convenience and comfort.

The gravel movement aided by the offer of the board of county commissioners to go half with the preducts that raise the funds for graveling has resulted in almost every section of the county getting into the gravel game and preparing to pull themselves out of the mud with the helping hand of the commissioners.

The east and west roads that will serve the county are the "O" street road in the extreme southern part of the county, the Red Ball highway from Murray west and the Plattsmouth-Greenwood road, one of these is already graveled, the one has been a state road for two years and will eventually receive the necessary aid from the state and the last named road is being rapidly graveled as precincts along the line are stepping in to make this an all season road and the movement is on also to extend the Mynard road west for some distance and the Cedar Creek road also for the convenience of the residents in that section.

On the north and south roads Louisville has had gravel in all parts of their precinct and now Center proposes to hook onto this system to the south and leaving but a few miles between this and the Westing Water gravel when a road from the Platte river to "O" street and then on into Avoca would exist. Stove Creek precinct is getting a road east and west through the precinct to connect at Elmwood with the north and south gravel. Greenwood precinct is to have gravel from Avo to the length of the precinct to connect up with other gravel projects and Eight Mile Grove with a graveling program along the Louisville road extends up into the town of Cedar Creek itself.

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