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Community Service Committee May be Formed

Organization to Look After Needs of Civic Improvement Is Being Planned

The organization of a Community Service committee, dedicated to the work of civic improvements and particularly the beautifying and the preservation of the natural beauty spots of the community, is now in the making, the first step being a meeting held last evening at the E. H. Westcott home and where the plans for another meeting on next Wednesday at the Sattler home at 4th and Vine streets.

There are a great many naturally beautiful spots over the city that are disregarded and given little thought when they might be made a real asset to the community, and to see that these are developed and preserved is one of the aims of the suggested organization.

Too often the most attractive natural scenery is neglected or allowed to be removed or defaced, when a community awakening to the advantage of these gifts of nature, would lead to their being kept for the future residents of the city and not destroyed.

The program of usefulness that can be filled by an organization of this nature is large and in the ranks will be represented the city government, park board, Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Club and Rotary, all of whom are largely civic in their scope of work.

Other fraternal or social organizations have large fields of their own to care for that would not allow of their taking the active civic work into their hands that would be possible with the organizations named above and who can do a great work in making this city one of the most beautiful in the state. Nature has been lavish in her gifts to this section of the state and in which this city has its full share which should be preserved, improved and handed down to the future generations.

ENTERTAINS WOMEN'S CHORUS

From Thursday's Daily—

The members of the Women's club chorus which has been one of the most popular musical organizations of the city in the past several months, was entertained on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. James T. Hegley, the head of the music department of the club.

The time was spent in music, a very fine informal program being presented by the members of the chorus in group singing and in several solos and duet selections. Mrs. George L. Farley and Miss Estelle Baird were heard in a very delightful piano duo, Mrs. E. H. Westcott a vocal solo and Mrs. William Woolcott and Mrs. F. I. Rea in a vocal duet.

Mrs. F. G. Corvett took the opportunity of thanking Mrs. Westcott on behalf of the members of the chorus for her work in instructing the members and in making it possible for the success that had been secured.

Delicious refreshments were served that came as the pleasant finale of an ideally spent evening.

C. D. OF A MEETS

From Thursday's Daily—

Last evening the members of the Catholic Daughters of America enjoyed a most delightful social meeting at the home of Mrs. John A. Griffin with whom was associated Miss Minnie Guthmann, Mrs. E. A. Lorenz and Mrs. James Nowasek as hostesses.

The time was most delightfully spent in cards, bridge and pinocle and in these popular pastime the ladies were able to show their skill. In the bridge games prizes were awarded to Mrs. Frank M. Bestor and Mrs. W. T. Distell while in the pinocle contests Mrs. John Svoboda proved the most successful.

At a suitable hour the hostesses served most delicious refreshments that brought to the close a very pleasant and thoroughly enjoyed event.

RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

From Thursday's Daily—

W. H. Seybert, who has been attending the A. O. U. W. state convention at Grand Island, as a delegate from the lodge No. 8 of this city, returned home last evening. Mr. Seybert reports the convention as being very interesting and enjoyed the many sights of the state's third city, one of the prettiest cities in the central west part of the state. On the way from Grand Island Mr. Seybert observed the fine wheat and especially in the vicinity of Seward.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Miss Etta Nickles of this city has just returned home from Omaha where she was in attendance at the state meeting of the Royal Highlanders and enjoyed to the utmost the fine meeting. Miss Nickles may attend the national convention of the order which is to be held at Salt Lake City the coming summer.

ARRIVES IN CALIFORNIA

Friends here have received word from Carl Renner that he has reached the shores of the blue Pacific after a most pleasant trip via the southern route to the west coast and is now visiting at Santa Monica. He had enjoyed a visit with his brother, Harold Renner and wife and found them doing very nicely and Harold busy at his trade of baker in one of the large baking concerns on the west coast. Carl stated that he was just preparing to enjoy his first dip into the waters of the ocean and was anticipating very much the thrill of the event.

'The Lion and the Mouse' Very Well Attended

Class Play of the Class of 1929 Presented in Very Artistic Manner last Night.

From Saturday's Daily—

The selection of the class of 1929 for their class play, "The Lion and the Mouse," that drama of big business, politics and the judiciary, was one that served to make a very fine vehicle for the talents of the young people selected for the cast, and its presentation last evening at the Parsonage was witnessed by a very large audience.

This play is one of the greatest success of the past twenty years and offers a great opportunity for the talents of the ones selected for the cast and in the hands of the young people of the class of 1929 was presented in a very fine manner and one that reflected the greatest credit upon all of the cast and upon Miss Mary Jane Tidball, the director of the production, and Miss McVey who had assisted in the preparation of the cast.

The story was based on the efforts of the "Lion," John Burkett Ryder, (Robert Hadraba) to drive from the bench in disgrace Judge Rossmore, (Robert Fitch) and the heroic work of the daughter of Rossmore, "The Mouse," Shirley, (Miss Vivian Livingston) to save the father even by hearing the lion in his own home. The dramatic qualities of the play were touched with the romance between Shirley and Jefferson Ryder, (Joe Hartford).

The cast supporting the principals was composed of Miss Laura Skalak as "Eudoxia," the temperamental maid of the Rossmore home, Miss Janet Snyder as "Miss Deetle," sister of the "Rev. Pontifex Deetle," which role was taken by Homer Spangler, Miss Irma Mayfield as "Miss Nesbit," the banker's daughter, gave a pleasing touch of comedy, Chris Bull as "Hon. Fitzroy Bagley," the secretary of Ryder was also one of the chief fun makers of the production in his characterization of the English noble. Miss Hilda Johnson appeared as the wife of Judge Rossmore and Leonard Stoehr as the butler, "Jorkins," a part of the Ryder household. Miss Leona Hudson appeared as the wife of John Burkett Ryder.

In the role of Senator Roberts, the political tool of Ryder, William Marasek was very effective and Miss Catherine McClusky as "Kate Roberts," the daughter of Senator Roberts and whom the Lion had destined to be the bride of his son, Jefferson, proved a very pleasing character. As the legal advisor and friend of Rossmore, Hamilton Meisinger gave a fine presentation of the part. In incidental roles Miss Margaret Iverson as the maid of the Ryder family and Joe Knofleek as the expressman, assisted in the completion of the fine cast.

Miss Tidball was called before the curtain and responded to the warm greeting of the audience with the statement that two of the plays she had desired to see given had been presented, "Smilin' Through" and "The Lion and the Mouse" and she was hopeful the 1929 juniors would make their play, "Lilac Time."

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Saturday's Daily—

W. T. Richardson of Mynard received messages yesterday of two deaths occurring to members of his family at widely separated sections of the country. Mrs. Guy Wood Richardson, wife of a son of Frank Richardson, formerly of this city, and a niece by marriage of Mr. Richardson, passed away at Chicago, while J. M. Hamilton, husband of a sister of Mr. Richardson died at Salt Lake City. Mrs. Hamilton was formerly Miss May Kennedy of this city.

Undergoing Treatment

From Saturday's Daily—

Miss Hilda Wallengren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wallengren of this city, who has been very poorly for the past several weeks suffering from attacks of asthma and sinus trouble, was operated on this week at Omaha for the sinus trouble and after the severe operation was taken to the home of her sister in Omaha, where she will remain for some time undergoing treatment.

C. of C. Directors Hear Talk on Air Mail

H. W. Peterson of Boeing Transport Company Heard at Bi-Weekly Noonday Luncheon.

Attendance at the bi-weekly noonday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce directors today was the largest of the year and taxed the capacity of Bill Barclay's private dining room to accommodate the two director and guests who were present.

Among the out-of-town guests at the luncheon were H. W. Peterson, representative of the Boeing Air Mail Transport service, of Fort Crook; R. H. Ojers, district manager of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, of Nebraska City, and George Arnold, manager of the Nebraska City exchange owned by the Lincoln concern.

Considerable business was transacted at the business meeting, including the voting of \$100 to help defray the expenses of weekly band concerts during the coming summer, which it is hoped to have started at an early date. In addition, the civic body voted \$15 from its funds to help defray the expenses of sending Homer Spangler, Plattsmouth High school athlete to Chicago to participate in the national high school meet, he having clipped off a mile at Lincoln last week in just five seconds less than the present record among high school students over the country.

Other minor matters were disposed of, including plans for extending greater courtesies to strangers within our city. Along this line, tags have been prepared, extending welcome to out-of-town people and giving information of interest concerning Plattsmouth, which will be attached to cars from other counties and states parked on our streets from day to day.

At the conclusion of the routine business, Postmaster Holmes introduced H. W. Peterson of the Boeing company, who gave a brief address on the air mail service. Mr. Peterson cited the fact that two years ago the total investment in air transport equipment over the country did not exceed five million dollars and included but one transcontinental air mail line from New York to San Francisco, while now the investment represents an outlay of over 150 million dollars and comprises a network of mail lines with day and night flying schedules that permit of getting a letter from this part of the country to any point in the United States within one day's time. There are 31 independent companies engaged in mail transportation of which the Boeing concern is one.

Mr. Peterson cited the fine service available here as compared with Omaha. Letters can be mailed in special air mail boxes there as late as 11:40 a. m. for dispatch on afternoon planes from Fort Crook, while here the time limit is only 40 minutes earlier, or 10:00 a. m. For the night planes, letters sent from here on the evening Missouri Pacific flyer are promptly sent on their way when the night planes go out around midnight.

Mr. Peterson touched on the possibilities of air transportation and exhibited pictures of the new 12 passenger planes the Boeing company is now placing in service between Salt Lake City and the coast, and declared that by the first of September an exclusive passenger service would be instituted through Omaha, using an even larger cabin type of plane, capable of carrying 18 passengers and weighing upwards of nine tons.

Passenger rates are figured on the basis of 10 cents a mile, including transportation to and from the fields at terminals, meals en route, etc., and compare favorably, he declared, with rail rates which average upwards of 6 cents per mile, considering Pullman, diner and like accommodations.

He also cited the fact that one can leave Omaha for San Francisco, spend a day there transacting business and return to Omaha before a party leaving for there by rail has even reached his destination.

A DIRTY TRICK

Norris Peoples, son of N. K. Peoples, has for a long time been cutting lawns in the summer and odd jobs in the winter with the avowed intention of purchasing himself a lawn mower that he could use in the cutting of lawns and be able to secure more of this class of work. Norris finally raised the necessary amount and bought the lawn mower which has been busy since with his jobs. Yesterday he was cutting the grass at the Waterman place and decided not to take his lawn mower home but placed it under the porch of the house and this morning discovered his mower was gone and an old worn out mower had been substituted.

This is a dirty trick to play in taking the mower that the young man has worked so hard to secure and the loss of the grass cutter has been a very grievous one to Norris.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Thursday's Daily—

The past week has been marked by a number of very pleasant social events and among these were two very charming dinners and a bridge given by Mrs. F. R. Gobelman on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The decorations for the two pleasant events were in the colors of green and white and in which the beautiful spring flowers were extensively used to add to the charm of the Gobelman home.

On Monday the prizes were awarded to Mrs. James G. Mauzey and Mrs. E. G. Shallenbarger while on Tuesday evening Mrs. J. A. Donelan and Mrs. E. A. Wurl were the holders of the high score.

Mrs. Gobelman was assisted on Monday by Mrs. William Krecklow and Mrs. John F. Wolf while on Tuesday evening Mrs. J. V. Hatt and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor assisted.

Local Band is Getting Ready for the Season

Practices of the Eagles Band Taken Up to Start the Concert Season Soon

From Friday's Daily—

The Eagles band of this city last evening resumed their practice for the purpose of the opening of the concert season and the near future as soon as the weather permits and warmer and dryer conditions will allow the open air concerts to be staged.

The band concerts which have been featured here for the past several years are always a very delightful form of summer entertainment not only for the residents of this city but for those from nearby communities who drive here to enjoy an hour of excellent music and the announcement that the concerts will be resumed will be hailed with a great deal of delight by the general public.

The Plattsmouth band numbers some very fine musicians and with the veteran members of the band will be found a number of the younger musicians who have in the juvenile band secured excellent training and that will stand them well in hand and with their playing in the main band will assist them in becoming finished musicians.

To assist the concert season the Chamber of Commerce directors have voted \$100 to apply on the fund and this will doubtless be followed by the retail section of the civic body, comprising the business interests of the city and the matters will then be taken up later with the city to secure what funds may be available for the support of the concert program for the season.

The concert season gives the members of the band a small return for the work of practice and study during the winter season and while not providing a heavy cost for the concert, it gives the members the knowledge that their efforts are being appreciated and that the city and the residents of the community are proud of their work and delighted that we have as fine a band as we have to represent the city in the musical field.

INSTALL NEW BINS

Several hundred dollars worth of Lyon Steel parts bins have just been installed by the Plattsmouth Motor Company, to be used in handling the new Model A and AA parts. The Lyon bins are considered the best on the market and are made so that they take up very little room and yet allow enough space to handle the parts in a systematic way.

The stock of Model A and AA parts, held ready for the needs of the new car owners, is in addition to the \$10,000 stock of Model T and Tractor parts carried by this firm. It is the policy of the Ford Motor Company to stock all their dealers with a complete line of parts so that the parts are always available to the users of their cars wherever they travel. The local dealership has always tried to carry out this policy.

SUES ON BOND

From Saturday's Daily—

In the office of the clerk of the district court this morning an action was filed entitled Searl S. Davis, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Alice Cory, deceased vs. the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland. The action is one in which the administrator of the Alice Cory estate seeks the settlement of the sum of \$1,955.67, alleged to be due to the estate and for which the bonding company as the bondsmen of John Cory, deceased, the former administrator of the Alice Cory estate failed to make accounting prior to his death. The estate on the date of filing of the application for probate on August 15, 1925, was given in the petition as \$4,418.29 and from the estate not accounted for the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,955.67 to be still due and which the bonding company is asked to pay.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

May Day Festival Proves a Great Success

Beautiful Occasion and Attended by Large Crowd—Miss Vivian Livingston, Queen

From Friday's Daily—

The May festival staged by the Plattsmouth school yesterday was one of the most beautiful and attractive that has been presented here since this custom was introduced into the schools several years ago.

This year the festival was staged at Garfield park, an ideal spot and where more beautiful surroundings were to be found than on the school campus, the green grass and the trees adding a touch of nature to the scene and setting off the colorful and artistic costumes of the children as well as the beauty of the queen of the May and her court.

The throne was erected in the west portion of the park and beneath a large tree the court was held, the lattice white of the background of the throne being enhanced by the wealth of the white spirea and the green foliage while over the seat of the queen was placed a beautiful green Spanish shawl.

It was not until the professional sounded that opened the festival that the large audience was informed of which of the many attractive members of the senior class had been chosen as queen, Miss Vivian Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston being named for this honor by the students of the entire high school while the Maid of Honor, the second highest in the contest was Miss Janet Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Snyder.

The queen and maid of honor in their beautiful costumes, the queen wearing the court gown of white with the crown of May was placed on the brow by the maid of honor. All of the girls of the senior class were in the escort and made a very charming picture in their dainty costumes as they grouped around the throne.

The royal party was preceded by the little trumpeters, heralds and pages who were selected from the C and 1st grade of Miss Amelia Martens, and these little folks made a very handsome picture.

Two maypoles were provided and the little folks from the rooms of Miss Keefer and Miss Nelson, of the Columbian school, carried out their clever dance and wound the maypole in customary honor of the day.

The first ward school band under the direction of Miss Farley added a fine touch to the scene.

"The boys of the grades under the direction of B. E. Woodward carried out a number of drills and ladder exercises, this being the offering of the physical education department. Miss Maxine Oloidt was featured as the solo dancer in the spring dance, a very artistically given offering.

The general offering of the afternoon was that of "Mother Goose's Garden" and in which the children from the grades were seen most effectively in the various parts of the operetta. Operetta showed the distress of Mother Goose at finding her garden bare and she sends her children forth and they return with the beautiful flowers. The groups that took part in this feature of the may day were:

Junior High Chorus—Miss Whelan.

Mother Goose—Anna Kneke.

Bo Peep—Helen Price.

Boy Blue—Doris Kiger.

Jack and Jill—Jean Hayes and Elizabeth Hatt.

Violeta—Grade V, Misses Hiatt and Moore.

Roses—Grade IV, Misses Mortenson and Todd.

Johnny-Jump-Ups—Grades III-IV, Miss Welshner.

Culpepper—Grade II, Miss Anit.

Jack Horner—Madge Garnett.

Daisies—Grade III, Miss Diehm.

Little Miss Muffet—Dorothy Gradoville.

Buttercups—Grades C-I, Mrs. Farley.

Mary Quite Contrary—Mary Ellen Byers.

Poppies—Grades II-III, Miss Cook.

Red Riding Hood—Margaret Shellenger.

Grasses—Grade VI, Mesdames Carlson and Gerner.

Those Pesky Dandelions—Grade IV, Misses Todd and Mortenson.

Gardners—Constance Rea, Mildred Searl and Germain Mason.

Gold Pecks—Catherine Terryberry.

Swallowtails—Grades C-I, Miss Abbott.

Raindrops—Grades II-III, Miss Nahrstedt.

Sun—Vestetta Robertson.

Ferris—Rose Ferris, Ruth Ferris.

Queen of the Garden—Grades C-I, Miss Prohaska.

Bad Little Bugs—Grades I, II, III and IV, Miss Tidball.

Bees—Grade V, Misses Moore and Hiatt.

And so Mother Goose's garden grows.

To Miss Ruth Lindsay, music supervisor.

supervisor, B. E. Woodruff, physical education director and every teacher of the city schools a great deal of credit is due for the fine success of the May day festival.

VISITS SCHOOLMATE HERE

From Friday's Daily—

Mrs. Henry Herold of this city is having the pleasure of a visit with Mrs. Nellie Woodruff of Fairbault, Minnesota, who stopped here for a visit while en route from California back to her home. Mrs. Woodruff is one of the force of teachers at the Fairbault finishing school and is an old time classmate of Mrs. Herold.

Death Comes to Well Known Cass Co. Lady

Mrs. Hattie E. Capwell, Mother of City Attorney Capwell Dies at Lincoln Thursday

From Friday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon at Lincoln occurred the death of Mrs. Hattie E. Capwell, for many years a well known resident of the western portion of Cass county and the mother of City Attorney J. A. Capwell of this city.

The death of this highly esteemed lady came at the conclusion of a long illness and in which there was offered but little hope of the recovery of the patient and death came as a blessed relief to the long suffering of the aged lady.

Mrs. Capwell was seventy-four years of age and was born in Illinois where she spent her girlhood days and later moved to Pennsylvania and where she was married to Joseph Allison Capwell, who preceded her in death thirty-three years ago in Pennsylvania. It was in the Keystone state that the family was reared and in 1903 they moved to Elmwood and made that place their home. Mrs. Capwell going to Lincoln two years ago when her health came and his relief and he since resided there with her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Corbett.

The deceased lady is survived by one daughter and five sons: Mrs. C. R. Corbett, of Lincoln; Howard F. Elmwood; Max T., of Denver; Joseph A. of Plattsmouth; Earl D., of Marsh, Montana and Norman E. of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. Capwell was a sister of the late A. B. and Frank Dickson, prominent residents of Elmwood and she was the last of her immediate family of nine children.

The funeral services of Mrs. Capwell will be held on Sunday at 2:30 at the First Methodist church at Elmwood and the burial will be made at the Elmwood cemetery.

PRESENT SCHOOL AWARDS

From Friday's Daily—

This morning at the convocation period at the high school awards were presented to a large group of the students in the scholastic lines as well as athletic awards.

In the membership in the national honorary societies the awards were made to Christine Reinacke, Vivian Livingston, Laura Skalak, Janet Snyder, Dorothy Brink, Catherine McClusky, Robert Hadraba, Clelland Retelsdorf, Joe Hartford.

In the citizenship awards Wilhelmina Henriksen, Alice Fank, Janet Snyder, Chris Bull, Leona Hudson, Laura Skalak, Catherine McClusky, Christine Reinacke of the seniors, Robert Livingston, Marjorie Arn, George Sayles, Jeanne Parker, Beatrice Knofleek, juniors, Theresa Bierl, Paul Iverson, Vestetta Robertson, Richard Spangler, sophomores, Winifred Rainey, Edward Wehrlein, Midge Garnett, freshman.

Debate pins were presented by R. F. Patterson to Clelland Retelsdorf, Dorothy Brink, Robert Livingston, Chris Bull, Doris Young, Mary Snyder. The gold medal as district winner was also presented to Clelland Retelsdorf.

In the sport activities of the school basketball letters were awarded to Joe Hartford, John Galloway, Robert Hartford, Robert Hadraba, Roy Turner, Allen McClanahan, Robert Fitch, Mrs. McClary and Chet Wiles.

The state numerals were presented in track, Homer Spangler receiving a full blue and a half blue and Richard Herold and Hamilton Meisinger a half blue each.

CORRECTION

Due to an error on the part of those who submitted the names of the high school scholastic honor students to the Journal which appeared in last night's issue we offer below the correct and official list of the nine members of the senior class, constituting fifteen per cent of the total whose scholastic excellence has been of such a character as to entitle them to membership in the National Honorary Society. The list has no reference as to rank: Christine Reinacke, Vivian Livingston, Laura Skalak, Janet Snyder, Dorothy Brink, Catherine McClusky, Robert Hadraba, Clelland Retelsdorf, Joe Hartford.

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Cass County Track Meet Draws Crowd

Plattsmouth Takes First, Eagle, Second; Alvo, Third; Nehawka, Fourth; Louisville Fifth

From Saturday's Daily—

The first Cass county track meet was held yesterday afternoon with the schools of Plattsmouth, Eagle, Nehawka, Alvo, and Louisville competing and with the Cass county championship baseball game between Weeping Water and Murdock being a feature of the athletic event.

The Plattsmouth high scored with 94 points and Eagle second with 31, Alvo third with 16, Nehawka fourth with 15 and Louisville fifth with one.

In the track events of the meet Homer Spangler, Hamilton Meisinger, were the outstanding local men with Herold of Eagle, Griffin and Pierce of Nehawka, placing for their teams.

The field events saw Steel of Alvo as the most outstanding figure with Herold, McCleary and Lutz of Plattsmouth, Oberle of Eagle, Griffin and Pierce of Nehawka, placing for their teams.

The attendance at the meet was very pleasing and from all parts of the county there were large groups of the rooters as well as school people on hand to witness the events.

The work of Tinker, Eagle; Steel, Alvo; Spangler, Wiles, Meisinger, Herold of Plattsmouth; Pierce, and Brandt of Nehawka and Oberle of Eagle were features of the meet.

The summary of the events were as follows:

100-yard dash—Tinker, (E), first; Meisinger, (P), second; Griffin, (N), third; Lutz, (P), fourth. Time :11.2

50-yard dash—Meisinger, (P), first; Tinker, (E), second; Lutz, (P), third; Fleischman, (L), fourth. Time :6.2

120-yard hurdles—Meisinger, (P), first; Spangler, (P), second.

220-yard low hurdles—Meisinger, (P), first; Vickers, (E), second; Dew, (P), third; Hartman, (L), fourth. Time :25.5

440-yard dash—Wiles, (P), first; Nolte, (E), second; Troop, (N), third; Warner, (P), fourth. Time :58.8

220-yard dash—Tinker, (E), first; Griffin, (N), second; Meisinger, (P), third; Lutz, (P), fourth. Time :25.5

1 mile run—Spangler, (P), first; Galloway, (P), second; Troop, (N), third; R. Spangler, (P), fourth. Time :4:57

880-yard run—Spangler, (P), first; Yelik, (P), second; Galloway, (P), third; Troop, (N), fourth. Time :2:28

High jump—Yelik, (P), first; Spangler, (P), second; Frolch, (A), third; Hiner, (P), fourth. Height 5 feet.