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American Legion Holds Fine Banquet

Large Number of Residents of City At Event—John E. Curtiss Gives Fine Address

From Thursday's Daily—

Last evening at the American Legion community building was held the banquet at which the members of this service men's organization and the men of the community joined and a very pleasant affair socially was enjoyed by every one of the party.

The first portion of the evening was devoted to the delicious repast that the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary had arranged and which provided a very fine menu and served in the usual charming style of the ladies of this organization.

The tables were very prettily arranged in the red candles, the spring flowers and streamers to make a most delightful setting for the supper and the hour and a half of entertainment that followed.

The opening of the program of the evening was the invocation offered by the Rev. Stanley Jones, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, one of the newcomers to the city and the benediction was also given by one of the new ministers of the city, the Rev. Father Marcellus Agius of the St. John's Catholic church, who has just come here to take the pastorate of the church during the absence of his brother, Father George Agius in the west.

The members of the banquet party had a very pleasant radio program given them as a feature of the evening and which was carried on during the serving of the dinner itself, this feature being made possible through the kindness and hard work of Harvey Gomer, Plattsmouth's electrical and radio expert and who had installed the equipment to make this a real feature and was directly in charge of the handling of this part of the program.

Eugene Konecny, program director of the Woodmen of the World, made the program in the feature a real success. Konecny gave a very fine feature to the banquet with a greeting from Paul McNutt, national commander of the American Legion and which received a very enthusiastic reception from all of the members of the banquet party.

During the banquet a large number of fine musical selections were offered as well as friendly roasts on the various members of the local Legion post the jokes being presented by Mr. Konecny.

For their services the Legion post feels a very deep obligation to Mr. Gomer and the two Omaha radio announcers, whose services made possible this feature of the banquet.

The address of the evening, given by John E. Curtiss, state railway commissioner, was one of the most pertinent facts, bright and sparkling humor and given with the force and punch that is characteristic of the genial and able member of the railway commission. Mr. Curtiss is one of the outstanding men of the state government and is one of the real workers in the region cause in the state and past national vice commander. His message was both to the Legion membership and to the community, urging co-operation of the Legion and the community in common building for a better city, to carry on the ideals of the American government. To the American Legion members Mr. Curtiss urged the continuance of the work of personal service for each individual member, to serve in the aiding of the sick and unfortunate of the members, to aid in any way the program of community service that has made each Legion post a vital factor in almost every city of the nation. Mr. Curtiss pointed out that a live and active Legion post was a real community asset and that the post should give its fullest measure of service to the place where it was located as loyalty and aid to the home community came second only to the aid and comfort of the disabled and ailing service men and their dependents.

Mr. Johnson was accompanied here by Hugh Drake, secretary of the state railway commission and Max Johnson, adjutant of the Lincoln post of the American Legion and whose presence was very much enjoyed by the members of the local post.

COOK-BORNEMEIER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edgar Cook of Alvo, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alice Meredith, to George A. Bornemeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Bornemeier of Elmwood. The wedding will take place in June, at the home of the bride's parents. The couple will make their home near Elmwood.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

GRADUATES FROM NEBRASKA

Among the graduates from the University of Nebraska, on June 8th will be Miss Helen Wurl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl of this city. Miss Wurl, who was one of the outstanding students of the Plattsmouth school in her younger years had a very successful four years in the state university and ranks high in the graduates, receiving her bachelor of science degree at the conclusion of her school year. Miss Wurl has majored in mathematics at Nebraska and in her work has received high recognition. Miss Wurl is a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority at the state university, of which a number of Plattsmouth ladies are former members from their university days.

Pleasant Event Marks Close of the School Year

Mothers of Mynard Students of High School Entertain Scholars and Faculty Last Night

From Thursday's Daily—

The graduating class of 1929 of the Plattsmouth high school as well as the lower classes of the school embrace a large number of young people residing in the Mynard community, in whose honor last evening the mothers of the students with Mrs. A. Weaver and Mrs. E. H. Spangler, tendered a very delightful banquet at the Mynard community building.

The banquet room was arranged in the colors of yellow and white, the summer flowers being used in the decorative plan while the glowing candles added their pleasing touch to the scene.

The ladies of the community had arranged a most charming menu and which was enjoyed to the utmost by the students and members of the faculty of the local high school who were guests of the evening.

In the course of the evening Mrs. Arthur Troop gave a number of very fine piano numbers while Miss Ruth Lindsay, music supervisor was heard in a very charming vocal number, the accompaniment being played by Miss Estelle Baird.

Miss Vivian Livingston, one of the outstanding members of the senior class, presided as toastmistress of the evening and in her usual gracious manner introduced and called upon the friends who were to respond to the various parts of the program. Other of the high school students participating were Janet Vallery, Richard Spangler, Towner Livingston, Newton and Ralph Sullivan, Chet Wiles, Lucille Face and Jack Troop. The faculty members present were Miss Ruth Lindsay, J. V. Simon, Cyril Slown, Mrs. Pearl Mann, Miss Pearl Staats, Miss Estelle Baird, Miss Mary Tidball, Fred A. Rothert, Miss Elizabeth McVey, Miss Marie Kaufman, B. E. Woodward.

RECOVERS BOAT

Joe Shera, young man of south of this city, has recovered his stolen row boat, but not without the assistance of being advised as to the proper course of detective procedure by Eddie Gerber, court house janitor at Nebraska City, as well as Flax Hardick, old-time fisherman on the river.

Shera's boat was taken from his home by two weary travelers who left an old flat boat in its place. The itinerants drifted down the river Monday night and made camp near Squaw creek, near Nebraska City.

When Shera missed his boat he hastened to the Otoe county's capitol. He was instructed to watch the river banks for the approaching thieves, and enlisted the services of Hardick. The two went up the river a couple of miles and found a camper along the side of the stream. The man was approached and confessed that he had appropriated the row boat, willingly agreed to turn it over. He was forced to bring the boat to the foot of Central avenue.

When he was released, he then announced he would return to Plattsmouth and get his discarded boat.

Shera departed Wednesday morning in his row boat for Plattsmouth, having brought a motor with him.

FOIL JAILBREAK AT NEBRASKA CITY

Nebraska City, May 24.—Because they attempted to dig their way out of the Otoe county jail Thursday night, Chester Thompson and Charles Streeter were in solitary confinement Friday. Sheriff Carl Ryder caught the men using a small piece of iron loosening the stones in their cell. Thompson is charged with auto theft, and Streeter has been convicted and sentenced to from 1 year to 18 months in the reformatory for raising the figures on a check.

Class of 1929 Bids Farewell to High School

Class of Fifty-nine Graduate Last Evening—Dr. Frank G. Smith of Omaha, Speaker

From Saturday's Daily—

The great event that is always the glittering goal of the boy and girl in the public schools—graduation day—came last evening in the fine array of young men and women of the class of 1929 of the Plattsmouth high school when they received the diplomas that represented the outward expression of the twelve years of school work that they had performed diligently and faithfully, to earn this coveted honor.

The auditorium of the school was wholly inadequate to hold the large audience that desired to attend the services and long ere the doors were swung open to the public every seat was taken by the relatives and close friends of the class who had been given tickets by members of the class.

The processional was played very charmingly by Miss Marjorie Arn, member of the Junior class and to which the gray gowned young men and women with their traditional mortar board caps entered the auditorium and took their place on the platform.

The graduation ceremonies were presided over by Superintendent R. E. Bailey and who also introduced the speaker of the evening.

The invocation and the benediction were offered by the Rev. O. G. Wichmann of the St. Paul's Evangelical church.

The first of the numbers on the very interesting program was the flute solo, "Chant du Soir" by Kohler, played most charmingly by Miss Catherine McClusky, one of the talented musicians of the class.

The salutatory was offered by Miss Laura Skalak, second ranking student of the class, who briefly and very happily expressed to the school and to the relatives and citizens of the community, the appreciation that the class membership has felt at the opportunity that was theirs to be able to complete the course of the school and which the class would try and repay by being the kind of men and women that their parents hoped them to be.

The address of Dr. Frank G. Smith was one of the greatest force and delivered in the unexcelled skill of this gifted pulpit orator, who had come from his charge at the First congregational church at Omaha to bring to the class of 1929 the message of "The Fundamental Elements of a Satisfied Human Experience."

The speaker stated that his subject covered several heads that he would discuss and all of which entered into this human experience—Life—but he would take them in the reverse order of their presentation. In all, happiness is the one great aim in life, Dr. Smith stated, it is the satisfying sense of the human experience and which the man or woman struggled to attain, to realize the fullest elements of life. One of the needs of the satisfied human experience was that of an adequate physical body, to have the appreciation of being properly clothed, fed and supplied with the physical comforts.

In touching on this Dr. Smith pointed out that of the 1,800,000,000 people of the globe, 600,000,000 of these had been without food every night. The care of the body, the greatest piece of machinery in the world, was one of the prime needs of the men and women. Another phase of the human experience was that of the steady progressive mental development in which the man or woman would realize the value of clear thinking, the power to weigh and adjust the problems of life in their own mind and in this the speaker illustrated with several examples of the various forms of thinking so common to the human race. The formation of a just and brotherly social program was also a vital part of life that would give man a closer touch with and appreciation of his fellow man. The last phase of the satisfied human experience and its greatest, was that of the development of the spiritual side of life, the creation of the comradeship with God that would enrich and glorify the life of each individual and make their life a beauty and happiness for all time. In his closing Dr. Smith eloquently pleaded with the class to follow the glorious light of divine guidance in their daily walks of life that they might attain the highest glories of living.

Miss Leona Hudson, another of the outstanding musical students of the class was heard in a very beautiful contralto solo, "Moon Behind the Cottonwood" by Cade class and which the voice of the singer was most effective. Miss Lindsay served as accompanist for all of the musical numbers of the program.

The valedictory was given by Miss Christine Reinacke, the highest ranking student of the class and was a fittingly presented farewell of the class of 1929 to the old school of their early training and a worthy expression of the feeling of both happiness and regret that the class is experiencing at the close of the

school days. The memories brought regret and with it came the desire to do what would make of the class very examples of the school and the repayment of the efforts of parents and teachers to aid the class in reaching their goal.

The American history prize given by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Fontenelle chapter was very ably presented by Mrs. Pearl M. Starn, agent of the chapter, and Cleland Retelsdorf for his splendid standing in the history studies in the past two years.

Superintendent Bailey made the announcement of the scholarships and honors to the graduating class and in the Palmer certificates were awarded to Christine Reinacke, Margaret Iverson, Leona Hudson, Alice Funk, Fern Stivers and Vivian Livingston.

The commercial certificates were awarded to Wilhelmina Heinrichsen, Laura Starn, Allan McClain, William Mrasek, Irma Mayfield, Jean Fitch, Janet Snyder and Helen Stout.

The scholarship honors given by the denominational schools of the state were presented to Miss Christine Reinacke, and in this Superintendent Bailey presented out them. Both were awarded to Christine Reinacke, Margaret Iverson, Leona Hudson, Alice Funk, Fern Stivers and Vivian Livingston.

The commercial certificates were awarded to Wilhelmina Heinrichsen, Laura Starn, Allan McClain, William Mrasek, Irma Mayfield, Jean Fitch, Janet Snyder and Helen Stout.

The diplomas were presented by President Frank L. Cummins of the city schools in a very able manner and which marked the climax of the very important evening in the lives of the young people of the class.

The members of the class of 1929 comprise the following:

Mary Adam, Harold Albert, Bernice Arn, Dorothy Brink, Chris Bullin, Eugene Bushnell, Helen Byers, Robert Fitch, Jean Fitch, Lloyd Frady, Richard Friedrich, Alice Funk, Albert Griffin, Robert Hadraha, Joe Hartford, Wilhelmina Heinrichsen, Richard Herold, Sophie Hofaker, Leona Hudson, Margaret Iverson, Hilda Johnson, Joe Knofleek, Lyle Lawton, Paul Lemke, Teresa Libershall, Leonard Lutz, Allan McClain, Catherine McClusky, Isabelle Metz, Laura Skalak, Janet Snyder, Otto Soennichsen, Homer Spangler, Charles Sporer, Fern Stivers, Helen Stout, Thomas Svoboda, Ruby Taylor, John Teppel, Dorothy Tompkins, Floyd Yelick, Edward Yelick, Doris Young, Leonard Storch, Vivian Livingston, Willard Brink.

Cave In Of Sewer Fatal to Louisville Man

Charles Jacobs, Laborer, Meets Death When Walls of Sewer Trench Cave In

From Friday's Daily— This morning shortly after 11 o'clock, Charles Jacobs, laborer, who was engaged in the construction of sewer at the corner of S. of H. A. Frolich, met his death when the dirt embankment of the sewer trench caved in and buried him beneath thirteen feet of dirt, he being smothered before he could be extricated from the small and narrow trench.

Mr. Jacobs had been employed to remove a septic tank from the Frolich property and to construct a cess-pool for the use of the property and it was while he was engaged in the construction of the trench for the pool that he was caught unawares in the hole when the dirt gave way and buried him beneath its weight and bringing death in a few moments.

The unfortunate man came to Louisville several months ago and had stated that he was from the state of Arkansas, but little was known of him at Louisville as to his age, home or family.

The victim of the accident was taken from the trench and the body conveyed to the undertaking rooms of P. C. Stander to await the outcome of the attempt to locate relatives in Arkansas, if possible.

Deputy Sheriff Rex Young motored to Louisville at noon to look into the case and assist in anyway in the attempt to locate some relatives of the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Purdy of Alliance, Mo. had been here visiting at the home of Mrs. Frances Purdy, grandmother of Mr. Purdy, have returned home after a most pleasant stay here with the grandmother whom they have not seen since the world war.

There is no slack business period for the merchant who advertises his goods the year 'round.

Young People are Wedded Last Evening

Miss Percy Alice Meisinger United in Marriage to Conley Hill Bailey

From Thursday's Daily—

Last evening at 8 o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., on North Third street was the scene of a very pretty wedding when their daughter, Miss Percy Alice was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. Conley Hill Bailey.

The wedding ceremony was witnessed by only a group of the relatives and very close friends of the contracting parties.

The Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church read the marriage lines and the beautiful and impressive ring service was employed in the joining of the lives and hearts of the two happy young people.

The bride was gowned in Alice blue silk georgette and carried an arm bouquet of the bride roses and was attended by Miss Margaret Bailey, sister of the groom as bridesmaid, Miss Bailey wearing a gown of flowered silk georgette and carrying pink roses.

The groom was attended by Mr. Harvey Meisinger, brother of the bride, both gentlemen being attired in the conventional dark suits.

The home was very prettily arranged in the profuse decorations of bridal wreath, iris and roses and made a most attractive setting for the happy occasion.

Following the wedding dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Meisinger, assisted by Mrs. Fred G. Morgan, George Fornoft and Miss Florine Born.

Later in the evening a large group of the young friends of the contracting parties from Cedar Creek, Louisville and Omaha came to the home and joined in the well wishes to the young couple.

The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., and was born and reared in this community where she received her education and possesses a very large circle of warm friends who are joining in their well wishes to the young people.

The groom has made his home here for the past several months and is an employee of the Union Bridge & Construction Co., and has been engaged here in the work on the traffic bridge. He formerly resided at Memphis, Tennessee and is a young man held in high esteem by his associates and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will remain here for the present during the bridge work and will locate later at Oklahoma City where the groom expects to be employed.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Two very pleasant social events of the week were the bridge parties held at the home of Mrs. James T. Begley, on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Begley and Mrs. Harry Platt being joint hostesses on Tuesday, while Mrs. Begley entertained alone on Wednesday.

The decorations of the two pleasant events were in a color scheme of pink and white, the large baskets of cut flowers being used in the decorative plan of the occasion.

In the playing on Tuesday Mrs. John A. Griffin received the first prize while Mrs. L. L. Turpin received the second honors.

On Wednesday the first prize was awarded to Mrs. J. W. Holmes while the second prize was awarded to Mrs. Barbara Cook.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon Mrs. A. A. Stillger and little daughter, Marion, who have been here visiting for some time at the home of Mrs. Stillger's mother, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, departed for their home at Huntington Park, California. Mrs. Stillger was called here on the sad mission of the death of her father and has since remained to aid in the comfort of the mother. Eventually home they will stop at Fort Morgan, Colorado, to visit with John Lewis and family. On reaching home Mrs. Stillger is expecting to visit B. A. McElwain, old time resident here and convey to him the greetings of the old time friends.

FIFTY YEAR MERCHANTS

From Thursday's Daily— The World-Herald of yesterday carried a very fine picture of the members of the firm of C. E. Westcott's Sons of this city, who are numbered among the fifty year business firms of the state. The pictures of Messrs. C. C. and E. H. Westcott, who have carried on the business established by their father in 1879, gave a fine part of the anniversary year of the firm and is a fine feature of the observance of this old and reliable business house. The Westcott firm has long been a landmark here and have followed closely the teachings of the founder as to business ethics.

HAVE A FINE PARTY

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the devotees of cards were given a very pleasant evening at the Elks country club when the public card party was staged in the very pleasant surroundings of the club house. The time was largely spent in bridge and pinochle and in the bridge contests Mrs. E. J. Richey received first honors and Mrs. Edmonds Ptak the second, while in the gentlemen Dr. R. P. Westover held the high score and Frank M. Bestor the second. In the pinochle games W. T. Distell was awarded the prize as being the most successful player of the evening. The committee in charge served very dainty and delicious refreshments that added a great deal to the pleasures of the evening.

Heavy Rain Falls Through Cass County

Areas Over the County Report a Very Heavy Downfall During the Night

From Friday's Daily—

While this city and immediate vicinity was visited by only a very light shower last evening, other sections of the county have reported a very heavy rainfall and which was especially marked north of Union two miles and west of this city some seven miles.

North of Union for a stretch of a mile and a half the rain fell very heavy and the streak of moisture extended west to the north, the rain being so heavy that the Weeping Water creek swollen from the waters of the rain, was at a stage this morning where it was threatening to overflow into the lowlands along the creek, being at one of the highest stages this season.

West of Plattsmouth and east of Louisville another belt of the country reports a very heavy rain and the travelers from this city and Louisville today found a stretch of the roadway that had been well soaked with the water and along the roadway there were large pools of water still standing as the result of the storm that swept there last night.

The heavy clouds forming in the south and west here last evening threatened for some time to bring one of the hard summer rains to this locality but the storm passed by this immediate vicinity by several miles and only the tailend of the rain reached here.

DEATH OF MRS. SMOTHERS

From Friday's Daily— Mrs. Eliza Smothers, wife of Henry Smothers, an old and well known resident of this locality, occurred yesterday at the family home on the east side of the Missouri river, a short distance from the ferry landing. The deceased lady was sixty-nine years of age and has made her residence in this community for a great many years and the many friends in this city will regret very much to learn of her passing.

Mrs. Smothers has been quite poorly for the past several months and her condition has been such as to give but little hope of her recovery and her passing brings a relief from the long period of suffering.

She is survived by the husband, two sons by a former marriage, Henry Robinson, of this city and Albert Robinson of Council Bluffs, and three brothers, Joseph and Albert McCord of Nebraska City and Harrison McCord of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION

The Community Planning committee which met last week for the first time to discuss the possibilities of a general civic planning organization, met last evening at the home of Mayor John P. Sattler and the steps looking to a permanent organization was taken up. A committee was appointed consisting of Robert M. Walling, L. D. Hiatt and Mrs. Helen Heinrich to prepare a by-laws and constitution for the committee. Pending the creation of the permanent organization Mrs. E. H. Westcott was named as chairman and Mrs. W. G. Kieck as secretary.

The committee will meet next Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the home of Mayor Sattler to hear the report of the by-laws committee and get started on the permanent organization.

WILL OPEN NEW RESTAURANT

A. L. Brown, who has been identified with the restaurant business of this city for the past few years, is to again be found in this line of work as he is preparing to open up a new restaurant and short order eating house in the Leonard building just across the street from the Journal. Mr. Brown until recently was with the Coffee Shoppe on North Sixth street and since closing his connection there has been enjoying a vacation and rest and will now resume his former activities.

Local Creamery Makes Great Progress in Work

Output One-third Greater Than at Start and Cheese Equipment to Be Added Soon

The Farmers' Co-Operative Creamery in this city, opened on December 27th, has shown a wonderful progress in the time that it has been in operation and now has its plant operating at increasing output, the butter making last month showing 20,000 pounds produced or one-third more than that of the first month of operating and this month will show even larger figures on the amount of butter that is being turned out.

Last Saturday was the largest cream day at the plant and with the flow of the cream coming from the farms the plant can be operated much more extensively to supply the large number of orders that are constantly being received from eastern points where the surplus of the plant is handled. Local county business has also shown gains that have more than exceeded the hopes of the group of progressive farmers that established the plant and justifies the slogan that the Plattsmouth made butter melts in the mouth.

Mr. Phillip Hoffman, manager and butter maker has produced a brand of butter that is not equal anywhere in the United States.

The local plant in the next two weeks will have installed the additional machinery that will permit the manufacturer of cottage cheese, a dairy product that is much in demand and which will be a fine addition to the output of the Farmers' creamery here.

The increasing business both in the creamery business and the poultry and egg departments of the creamery has made necessary the building of a warehouse on the south of the creamery building where the poultry and egg department and supplies may be handled and give much needed room in the main building for the dairy products.

The room at the north of the building at Central City where he attended a meeting of the state co-operative creameries and reports that thirty-eight of the forty-three creameries were represented and the meeting was one filled with the greatest interest to the members attending, there being 150 of the creamery men in attendance at the sessions.

Mr. Hoffman has just returned from Central City where he attended a meeting of the state co-operative creameries and reports that thirty-eight of the forty-three creameries were represented and the meeting was one filled with the greatest interest to the members attending, there being 150 of the creamery men in attendance at the sessions.

ENJOY FAMILY GATHERING

From Friday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. George Mark, old time residents of the county, who have recently moved here from Weeping Water, had the pleasure this week of enjoying a family gathering that brought four generations of their family here, the four generations being represented by their grandson, Stanley Miller and his two little sons, Junior and Billy, and who are the great grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Mark. The members of the party staged a fine picnic dinner at Garfield park where the well laden baskets brought by the members of the party provided a rare treat. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Patridge, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Miller and sons, Mrs. William Gussert and two children, Marion and Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, all of Weeping Water.

JUDGE HAND VERY ILL

The host of friends over Cass county will regret to learn that Judge W. E. Hand of Greenwood is in very serious condition at his home in that city and the malady of the patient gives but little hope of his recovery and his condition is such as to give a great deal of apprehension to the members of his family circle. Mr. Hand has been one of the prominent residents of the county and at one time was representative from this county in the state legislature and has long been active in the life of his home community and a man held in the very highest esteem by those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

From Friday's Daily— In the county court yesterday afternoon Miss Ruth Staples of Manley, charged with assault and battery on Margaret Bergman of Manley, appeared and entered a plea of not guilty to the charges preferred against her by the state. The defendant is represented by Attorney Charles E. Martin of this city and on the appearance of the defendant in the case the matter was laid over until May 28th when the hearing will take place before the court. The state and complaint is represented by acting county attorney J. A. Capwell.

Just a few of the Cass county maps left. While they last, 50c each.